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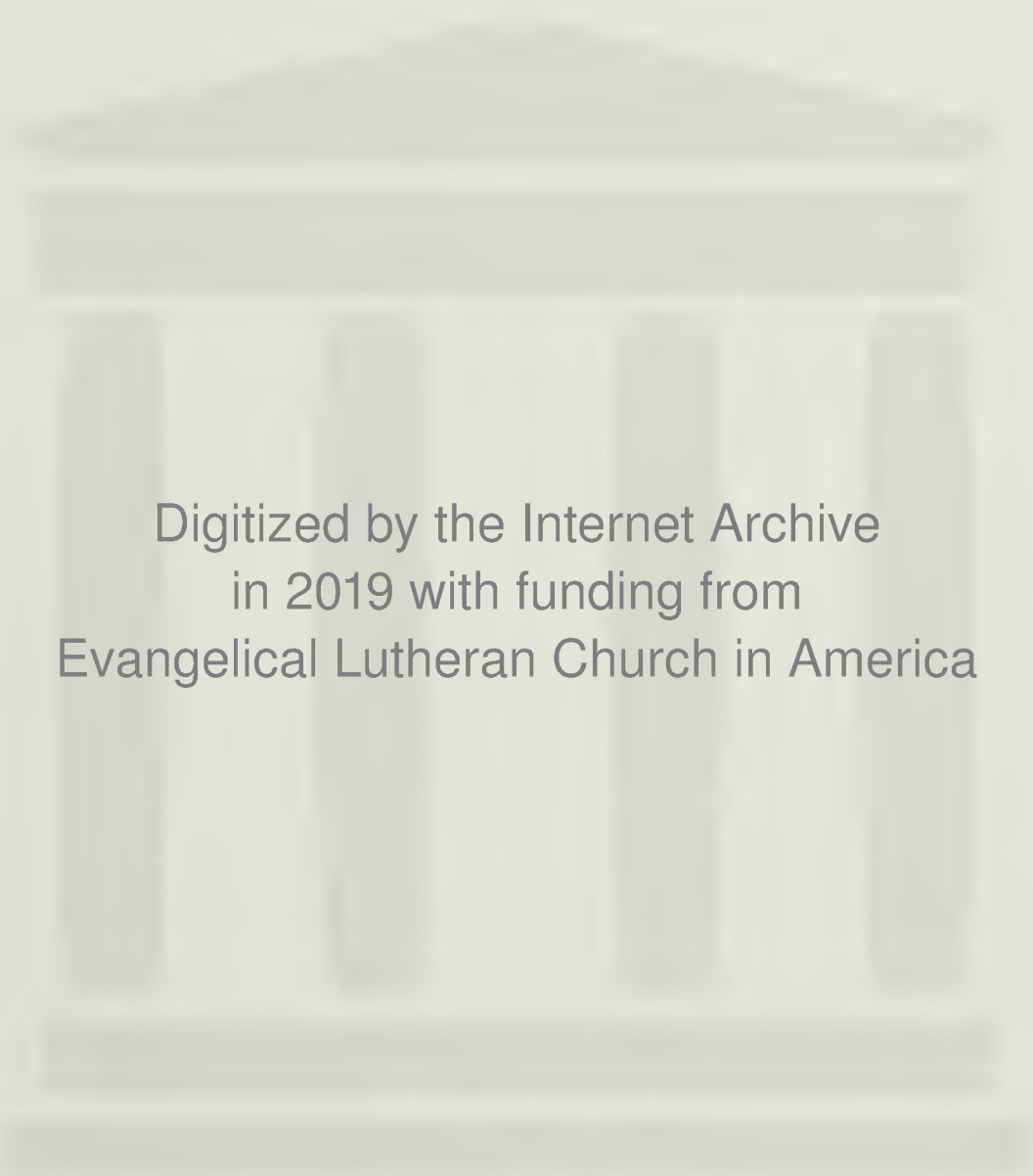

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FIFTEENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN General Synod South.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROANOKE, VA., JUNE 23, 1886.

The Fifteenth Convention of the Evangelical General Synod South, convened in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Va., Wednesday, June 23, at 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., President of Synod, preached the Synodical sermon. After the sermon, the services preparatory to the communion were conducted by Dr. Bowman, when the members of Synod and congregation partook of the Lord's Supper.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., and opened according to prescribed form.

List of Delegates.

The following delegates were enrolled :

North Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL.

Principals—Revs. Samuel Rothrock, F. W. E. Peschau, T. S. Brown, J. A. Linn. *Alternate*—Rev. C. A. Rose.

LAY.

Principals—Col. P. N. Heilig, Capt. T. L. Seigle, Capt. J. A. Fisher. *Alternates*—Messrs. I. F. Patterson, C. G. Heilig.

Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL.

Principals—Revs. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., D. M. Moser, J. H. Barb, W. C. Schaeffer. *Alternate*—Rev. L. L. Smith.

LAY.

Principals—Messrs. J. C. Utz, W. E. Craig. *Alternate*—Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover.

Southwest Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL.

Principals—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, Alex. Phillippi, J. J. Scherer, W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., W. E. Hubbert.

LAY.

Principals—Prof. S. C. Wells, Mr. P. L. Terry, Maj. Wm. McCauley, Mr. J. L. Groseclose.

South Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL.

Principals—Revs. J. Hawkins, D. D., J. A. Sligh, Edward T. Horn, E. A. Wingard, L. K. Probst.

LAY.

Principals—Maj. P. E. Wise, J. D. Capplemann, J. B. O'N. Holloway.

Georgia Synod.

CLERICAL.

Principals—Revs. W. S. Bowman, D. D., H. S. Wingard.

LAY.

Principals—Dr. J. P. Taylor, Mr. B. J. Dasher.

Mississippi Synod.

LAY.

Principal—Prof. J. W. Hanger.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to the usual committee.

The President's Report.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Through the abounding mercy of a covenant-keeping God we have reached the fifteenth convention of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South.

When we consider the adversities of our origin, the difficulties of our way, the infirmities of our friends, and the enmity of our foes, we must exclaim, in adoring wonder and grateful joy, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

MISSIONS.

My first official utterance must be a reiteration of the lamentation of all my predecessors in office. "The harvest truly is *great*, the laborers *few*, and the resources *limited.*" In addition to Richmond, Atlanta, and the State of Mississippi, which have been so often and so earnestly presented to your consideration, we may also mention Augusta, and the Southside of Savannah, in Georgia, Orlando, and other points in Florida, and a number of hopeful points in Alabama, where judicious missionary labor would yield early and abundant results.

As regards Foreign Missions, I am happy to say that something practical has been done. The Rev. Wm. P. Swartz has been commissioned and sent to India, by your Executive Committee. His abounding zeal, his robust health, and his high attainments attest the wisdom of this selection. The interesting report of his labors and experiences thus far, is herewith submitted for your prayerful consideration. This general body dare not forget this earnest brother in his distant field, nor hesitate in supplying his wants.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The suspension of the Theological Seminary two years ago, by the preponderance of a single vote, is still regarded by the church at large as a matter of doubtful expediency. By this movement the charter and the endowment fund belonging to the South Carolina Synod, reverted back into her hands again. Rather than let their resources lie idle, they established the Seminary in connection with Newberry College, and are doing very faithful and efficient work in ministerial education. Meanwhile, the seminary property and funds belonging to this body remain idle. It has also been ascertained that a large portion of the South Carolina endowment is a bequest, the use and limitation of which are specified in the will of the donor, and that any other use than that which is now made of it, would endanger or invalidate the claim of the Church upon it. I sincerely hope that your united wisdom may devise some plan for the consolidatiou and enlargement of all our resources for the thorough training of our candidates for the ministry. I can conceive of no subject superior in importance to this.

ECCLESIASTICAL UNION.

For several years past there has been earnest discussion among Lutherans in the South, on what has been designated "a more general organic union, properly based on the Confessions of the Church." In reviewing the history of this general body, we find that it set out with the declaration that the Word of God, the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, were the "exponents of our faith."

In 1878, the Committee on the State of the Church, of which the

lamented Dr. Rude was chairman, said, "The Lord is with us. Our cause is onward, His work is prospering in our hands, and He will assuredly continue to be with us, now, *that we are returning* to the Confession and Service of our fathers, whom He, in former days, blessed so abundantly. Now we have renewed our allegiance to the Church which He so signally blessed in the Reformation."

In 1880, the North Carolina Synod sent a commissioner to Richmond to ask this body for a clearer and more definite statement of our doctrinal position; and the deliverance of this General Synod on that occasion was such a clear and unequivocal endorsement of all the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church as ought to have forever silenced all doubts as to our soundness in the faith. Moreover, the Book of Worship—made, published, and used by this body—is, in point of doctrine, cultus, and churchliness,—at the time of its publication, and perhaps still —infinitely in advance of any thing ever produced by any body of English-speaking Lutherans on the continent of North America. In view of these obvious facts, it was difficult to conceive what move was needed by way of being "based on the Confessions of the Church."

Yet, when the proposition was made to us two years ago to become a party to a Diet, to consider this matter in relation to ourselves, and to the able and earnest bodies of our brethren of a like faith who were not organically connected with us, we readily and joyfully complied, and appointed a committee representing largely the piety, dignity, and learning of this General Synod, and through this committee we expected to receive from these brethren a formulated statement of what they desired, and any ultimatum they had to propose as a condition precedent to their organic union with us.

In November, 1884, the proposed Diet was held, in Salisbury, North Carolina, composed of delegates from the district synods of North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, Southwest Virginia, and Holston. The delegates from this body, however, were not received in their official capacity as such, and the Ecclesiastical Court which they were appointed to represent, appears to have been entirely ignored. Under these circumstances the report of this committee will be looked for with heartfelt interest.

The doctrinal basis set forth by the Diet is most admirable, and does not differ in any essential feature from what we already had, and will therefore commend itself to all who love a pure faith and an unperverted Lutheranism. The manner of the production and promulgation of this admirable basis, viewed from the standpoint of this General Synod, presents an anomalous feature in the history of ecclesiastical legislation. Yet we trust that the novelty of the means will be no hindrance to the consummation of the desired and desirable end.

If the expression of an individual opinion were admissible in this connection, it might be said that ONE General Body in the South, ONE in the North, and ONE in the West, would be a consummation devoutly to be *wished* and *worked* for. A larger organization than this would be unwieldy, expensive, and impractical, and when our differences and divisions are once reduced so that they are only geographical and *nothing more*, an admiring world will again say, "Behold, how these brethren love one another."

DIVORCE.

In some portions of the territory embraced in this General Synod, the frequent granting of divorces for trivial and unscriptural causes, is a growing evil, deleterious alike to Church, State, and public morals. Our ministers are often called upon to celebrate marriages between persons who have been divorced for causes other than that which the Word of God doth allow, and to give the sanction of the Church and of their sacred office to marriages that are as iniquitous in the sight of God as polygamy itself. It appears to me there should be a deliverance on this subject, that would clearly set forth the teachings of the Church and the duties of her ministry in the premises.

CONCLUSION.

And now, brethren, it only remains for me to tender you the unfeigned gratitude of my heart, for the confidence and esteem which constrained you to place me in this office, and for the charity and forbearance you have exercised towards my official imperfections. You will remember that I assumed the position under protest, because I could not meet all its requirements without sacrificing paramount interests in my own field.

May you be guided in your deliberations by "the wisdom that is from above, (which) is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated; "full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BOWMAN.

Election of Officers.

President.—Rev. F. W. E. Peschau.

Secretary.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

Treasurer.—Capt. W. A. Barrier.

Advisory Members.

Resolved, That all the visiting ministers of the Lutheran Church be invited to seats as advisory members of this Synod, and that their names be handed to the Secretary for enrollment, and that visiting ministers of other Evangelical churches be invited to seats among us.

Resolved, That the regular order of business be suspended, and the report of the commission to the late Diet be considered.

Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., reported as follows:

The undersigned, appointed at the Convention of 1884, to represent this body in the Lutheran Diet, held at Salisbury, N. C., Nov., 1884,—report, that they were in attendance upon the sessions of the Diet and participated in all its deliberations. The sessions of the Diet were characterized by a most gratifying spirit of harmony, and its conclusions reached and adopted with almost absolute unanimity. In accordance with the action of the Diet, we herewith submit a published copy of the proceedings of the Convention, and ask, in view of their importance, that they be considered by this body at the earliest moment practicable.

D. M. GILBERT, Chairman.

Resolved, That the report of Commissioners of the General Synod to the Diet be referred to a committee consisting of one clerical and lay delegate from each Synod, and that these delegates be selected by their respective delegations, and that the committee be requested to report at to-night's session.

Committee:

North Carolina Synod: Rev. S. Rothrock, Mr. C. G. Heilig.

Virginia Synod: Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover.

S. W. Va. Synod: Rev. J. J. Scherer, Prof. S. C. Wells.

South Carolina Synod: Rev. E. A. Wingard, Mr. J. B. O'N. Holloway.

Georgia Synod: Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., J. P. Taylor, M. D.

Mississippi Synod: Mr. G. W. W. Hanger.

Hours for sessions of Synod were fixed as follows: 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., and 3 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Dr. Gilbert.

SECOND SESSION.

JUNE 23, 9:30 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D.

Standing Committees.

The President announced the following Standing Committees.

1. President's Report.—Revs. D. M. Moser, J. A. Linn, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover.

2. Minutes of Last Synod.—Revs. S. Rothrock, J. J. Scherer, Mr. B. J. Dasher.

3. District Synods.—Revs. J. A. Sligh, W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., Mr. C. G. Heilig.

4. State of the Church.—Revs. E. T. Horn, A. Phillippi, Mr. John D. Cappleman.

5. Devotional Exercises.—Officers of Synod and *pastor loci.*

6. Theological Seminary.—Revs. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., H. S. Wingard, Col. P. N. Heilig.

7. Literary Institutions.—Revs. C. A. Rose, J. Hawkins, D. D., Prof. G. W. W. Hanger.

8. Missions.—Revs. L. L. Smith, E. A. Wingard, Mr. J. L. Groseclose.

9. Treasurer's Report.—Messrs. W. E. Craig, P. E. Wise, Wm. McCauley.

10. Mileage.—Rev. L. K. Probst, Messrs. I. F. Patterson, P. L. Terry.

11. Letters and Petitions.—Revs. J. Hawkins, D. D., J. H. Barb, Capt. T. L. Seigle.

12. Church Literature.—Revs. T. S. Brown, E. A. Wingard, Capt. J. A. Fisher.

Report of Special Committee.

The committee, to whom was referred the report of the Commissioners of the General Synod to the Diet, made the following report:

Report of Committee on Report of Diet Commissioners.

Your Committee, appointed to consider the Report of our Commissioners to the Southern Lutheran Diet, held at Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 12-13, 1884, have examined the Basis of Union and the Constitution adopted by that Convention for submission to this body, and to the Tennessee and Holston Synods for approval, and as the result of their deliberations upon the questions involved, recommend the following action:

Resolved 1. That this body, regarding the proposed Basis of Union as essentially identical with its present doctrinal position as briefly set forth in its constitution, and further explained in the deliverance given in the convention of 1880, in response to inquiries of the Synod of N. C., does hereby give the said Basis its cordial approval.

2. That the proposed Constitution being satisfactory in its terms and provisions, we, also, hereby approve that.

3. That a committee, to consist of one minister and one layman of each of our District Synods, be appointed by this General Synod, to confer with the delegations elect to the Diet, from the Tennessee and Holston Synods, in the hope that they may be able to arrange the details of a union that shall prove satisfactory to all who are interested in the unification of our Southern Church.

The report was considered by items and adopted.

Report of Committee on Common Service Book.

The report of the Committee on a Common Service Book was read, received, and its consideration deferred.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. T. Hallman, and benediction by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D.

THIRD SESSION.

JUNE 24, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. W. B. Yonce, Ph. D. Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Special Committee Report.

Your committee, appointed under the third resolution of the report upon the Report of the Diet Commissioners, have met with the representatives of the Tennessee and Holston Synods, and report the following resolution as the only action taken in that conference meeting:

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the General Synod South to give way at the appointed time for the meeting of the Diet, in order that that

body may transact such business as may be necessary for the consummation of its work.

Adopted.

At 9.55 A. M. Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 P. M. Prayer by Rev. G. H. Cox.

FOURTH SESSION.

JUNE 24, 3 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. G. U. Wenner.—Minutes read and approved.

Delegate from General Synod.

Rev. G. U. Wenner of New York presented his credentials, as Corresponding Delegate of the General Synod. He was most cordially welcomed by the President. Rev. Mr. Wenner brought the hearty Christian salutations and fraternal greetings of the General Synod, and made an interesting report of the work of the Synod.

Fraternal Visitor from General Council.

Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., was introduced to Synod, as Fraternal Visitor from the General Council. He was heartily welcomed by the President. Dr. Schmucker expressed his interest in the work of the Southern Church, and particularly rejoiced in the prospect of securing a Common Service Book for all the English-speaking Lutherans of America. He presented from the President of the General Council the following communication in regard to the Common Service Book.

1615 GIRARD AVE., PHILADELPHIA,
May 25, 1886.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA ASSEMBLED IN CONVENTION AT ROANOKE, VA.:

Rev. and Dear Brethren:—At the last convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, held in Philadelphia, October, 1885, the Church Book Committee reported on the marked and favorable progress made in the preparation of a Common English Service for the General Synods South and North and the General Council, and submitted in print an Order of Service as agreed

upon at a joint meeting of the Committees representing those three Bodies.

In the discussion of this report the work of the Committee received the universal and hearty congratulations of all the speakers and the following resolutions offered by Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D., were unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the formation of a Common Service for the English Churches of the General Synod South, the General Synod, and the General Council, be accepted and adopted.

2. That the General Council rejoices in the agreement which has been reached in reference to this desirable end.

3. That the Committee on the Church Book be authorized and instructed to continue their labors for the completion of the Common Service, on the basis adopted by three general bodies concerned.

It is in pursuance of these resolutions that the Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., appears among you at this meeting of your venerable body, as the representative of the General Council's Church Book Committee and I, as the President of the General Council, take great pleasure in sending through him our hearty congratulations upon the work which has thus far been accomplished.

It is, however, not in this work alone that our hearty wishes and sympathies go with you, dear brethren. All the important steps that have been inaugurated for the purpose of strengthening our Lutheran Church in the South, and binding her members closer together on the solid and impregnable foundation of our Confession, are accompanied by our hearty congratulations and fervent prayers.

May the richest blessing of the Lord be with you in your deliberations. May the work in which we are now united come to a successful end and be a means for the building up of the Church in the pure and precious faith of our fathers, so that, being perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment, we may all speak the same thing.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

ADOLPH SPAETH,

PRES. OF GEN. COUNCIL OF EVAN. LUTH. CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

A paper, offered by Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, in relation to the proposed union of the Synods of the South, was received, considered by items, and action deferred until the Committee to the Diet be heard from, and said paper without endorsement referred to the committee.

Report of Treasurer of Richmond Mission.

W. E. Craig, Esq., Treasurer of Richmond Mission, reported as follows:

To the President and Members of the General Synod South:

The undersigned, Treasurer of Richmond Mission Fund, respectfully submits this the report of his transactions since the last Convention of this Synod in Charleston, S. C., April 16–21, 1884.

FIRST.

An account showing the money collected, whence collected, and how the same has been disbursed:

W. E. CRAIG, Treasurer, &c.,

In account with

The Richmond Mission Fund.

1884.		Dr.
April 18,	To balance in hand per last report	$ 35.73
Nov. 12,	To amount received of S. C. Synod Treasurer	160.00
" 25,	" " " " Va. " "	20.00
Dec. 13,	" " " " S. C. " "	53.20
" 16,	" " " " " " "	25.00
1885.		
Jan. 1,	To amount received of Va. Synod Treasurer	$212.50
Mar. 6,	" " " " S. W. Va. Synod Treasurer	37.90
May 1,	" " " " Rev. W. C. Schaeffer	96.50
June 20,	" " " " N. C. Synod Treasurer	276.82
1886.		
Jan. 16,	To amount received of S. C. Synod Treasurer	160.00
May 10,	" " " " Rev. W. C. Schaeffer	1048.00
" 10,	To am't received of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer to be credited to N. C. Synod assumpsit	85.00
June 23,	To amount received of N. C. Synod Treasurer	573.18
		$2,783.83

1885.		Cr.	
May 1,	By amount paid R. Maynard, vou. 1.....	$ 96.50	
June 3,	" " " Andrew Green, vou. 2.....	250.00	
" 20,	" " " " " " 3.....	276.82	
1886.			
May 10,	By amount paid R. Maynard, vou. 4.....	1133.00	
June 22,	" " " Andrew Green, vou. 5...	494.20	
" 23,	By amount paid First National Bank of Roanoke, Va., in full of R. Maynard debts.....vou. 6.	435.00	
June 23,	By am't paid Cashier First Nat. Bank of Roanoke for exchange, &c.,.....vou. 7.	1.70	
June 23,	By am't paid personal expenses....vou. 8.	16.80	
" 24,	By am't deposited to credit of Andrew Green in 1st Na. B'k Roanoke...vou. 9.	79.81	$2783.83

SECOND.

Indebtedness of the Mission:

When the undersigned was elected Treasurer of the Executive Committee of this Mission (in 1879) he at once set about to ascertain its actual indebtedness, which was found to be $12,345.09 (see Minutes Va. Synod for 1880, p. 22) due as follows:

Green & Allen (Mortgage) @ 8 per cent.....	$7,780.00
Interest due on Mortgage	830.00
R. Maynard @ 9 per cent.....	2,800.00
Jarvis & Glinn, @ 10 per cent.....	573.89
Dr. A. Z. Koiner, @ 10 per cent.....	361.20
	$12,345.09

Now the indebtedness due to Maynard, Jarvis & Glinn, and Koiner, has been entirely paid off and discharged, leaving only the mortgage remaining.

The mortgage consisted of *six* notes, all dated Feb. 3, 1876, payable respectively in 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, and 36 months, for $1040.00, $1080.00, $1120.00, $1160.00, $1200.00, and $2480.00.

The first note for $1040.00 has all been paid but a balance of $192.93 as of this date (June 24, 1886); the principal of the other five notes yet stands wholly unpaid; but the interest on all of them has been paid up to Feb. 6, 1886. There is then yet unpaid:

1. Balance on 1st mortgage note as of June 24, 1886.....	$192.93
2. 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th mortgage notes, with interest from February 6, 1886.....	7,060.00
	$7,252.93

The holder of the mortgage notes (Andrew Green) has consented to reduce the rate of interest to 6 per cent. from Feb. 6, 1886, provided his interest money be promptly paid him.

THIRD.

Assets to pay indebtedness:

	Amount Assessed.	Total am'nt paid to this date.	Balance due as of July 1, 1886.
Virginia Synod	$3500 00	$2195 25	$2013 64
S. W. Va. Synod	2000 00	1203 70	1304 95
South Carolina Synod	1500 00	1647 20	96 80
North Carolina Synod	1000 00	935 00	177 30
Richmond Mission	2000 00	954 25	1649 05
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer to be collected outside of the territory of this Synod.*	3000 00	2048 00	2025 60
			$7267 34

*It will be observed that Rev. Schaeffer here gets credit for the amount assumed by the North Carolina Synod ($1000 00); and then that amount is charged to the said North Carolina Synod, on account of which it has paid $935.00.

FOURTH.

Title to the Mission Property:

As enquiry is frequently made concerning the title to this property, it may be well here to state that upon an examination of the title papers it is ascertained that the lot upon which the Chapel is located is on the corner of Grace and Seventh streets—fronting 68 feet 3 in. on Grace and running back about 100 feet therefrom at right angles.

Said lot was conveyed by Andrew Green and wife and Charles W. Allen and wife to W. C. Schaeffer by deed dated February 3, 1876; and Schaeffer by deed of even date therewith conveyed the said lot to Allen P. Apperson, *in trust* to secure the notes for the deferred purchase money executed by Schaeffer to Green & Allen, *to-wit:* Six in number, all dated Feb. 3, 1876, payable respectively in 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, and 36 months for $1040.00, $1080.00, $1120.00, $1160.00, $1200 00 and $2480.00.

That on the 10th day of January, 1878, W. C. Schaeffer conveyed the said lot and the Chapel building thereon to Theodore Krohne, Louis E. Frank, William Myer, J. C. Pfeiffer, and W. A. Rohn, Trustees, reserving therein a lien to secure the payment of all the notes above mentioned executed by Schaeffer to Green and Allen; that, as shown on the face of said deed, the said Krohne and other Trustees of the First English Lutheran Church of Richmond, Va., and their successors in

office, are to hold the said property for the use and benefit of the said Church and congregations "*in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.*"

FIFTH.

Remarks:

As the Virginia Synod, at its last convention, elected Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover as Treasurer of the Richmond Mission Executive Committee in my stead, I now respectfully resign my office as Treasurer of the Mission for this Body, and recommend that Mr. Beltzhoover be elected here also in my stead. The management of this Mission by a resolution of this Body at its convention in Richmond, Va., on May 10, 1880, was devolved upon the Executive Committee of the Mission as appointed by the Virginia Synod; and it is therefore meet and proper that the Treasurer of the Virginia Synod Committee should be the Treasurer also of this Body.

It gives me pleasure in resigning the trust so kindly conferred upon me by this Body, to say that the *financial* condition of the Mission is now upon a safe and secure basis; better than ever before, and if the several district Synods but do their duty, as they have heretofore done, during the coming two years, this Mission will cease to be a charge upon this Body by the time of its next Convention.

And I am constrained further to say, that the material and spiritual condition of the Mission congregation itself is fully realizing the hopes and expectations of its friends; the congregation consists of 130 members; the church services are well attended; and liberal contributions are given to the support of the missionary and to the liquidation of the Mission indebtedness.

And finally I bespeak for the missionary himself the thanks and gratitude of this Body for his untiring zeal and energy in the prosecution of his work; and the earnest sympathy and support of the whole church for him in his work and for the ultimate success of the Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CRAIG, TREASURER, &c.

Report received and referred to the following committee: Capt. J. A. Fisher, Mr. J. L. Groseclose, J. C. Utz, and Dr. J. P. Taylor.

Your committee has examined the report of W. E. Craig, Treasurer of Richmond Mission, and in connection therewith the special report of R. G. Chisholm, as Treasurer of the S. C. Synod for said Mission. We find that the report of Mr. Chisholm and of Mr. Craig agree, except that Mr. Craig charges himself with having received from S. C. Synod $1647.20 and Mr. Chisholm claims to have turned over to him $1636.20,

$12.00 less than Mr. Craig charges himself with. Mr. Craig explains that this $12.00 was received by him from Rev. J. D. Shirey before Mr. Chisholm was elected Treasurer of S. C. Synod; and, hence, it failed to enter into Mr. Chisholm's accounts. Your committee has examined the vouchers, submitted by Mr. Craig and filed herewith, and find that all disbursements made by him are supported by proper vouchers.

The question of the resignation of Mr. Craig as Treasurer, is respectfully submitted to the Synod for action.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FISHER,
JOHN C. UTZ,
J. L. GROSECLOSE,
J. P. TAYLOR,
COMMITTEE.

The above report received with the following resolution:

That the resignation of W. E. Craig be received and that we hereby express our appreciation of his faithful service as Treasurer of Richmond Mission.

Report of the Committee on a Common Service Book was presented for consideration:

The Committee on Common Service Book.

ROANOKE VA., June 23d, 1886.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH SOUTH:

The undersigned beg leave to report:

1. That by the removal of the other members of the Committee from the bounds of this body, he is left the only member of the Committee.

2. That the three Committees held a joint meeting at Philadelphia in May, 1885, as recited in the Protocol annexed, and without dissent agreed upon the annexed scheme, as the Normal Service, &c., of the Lutheran Church.

3. That the report and the service have been formally approved and adopted by the General Synod in the U. S., and by the General Council, which bodies have instructed their committees to proceed to the completion of the service as here outlined.

4. That it now is necessary for this body formally to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Committee, and to instruct it to proceed.

5. That a meeting of the Sub-Committee has been called to meet at this place during this Convention.

Asking your approval of this work, so wonderfully blessed of God,

Respectfully,

EDWARD T. HORN,
COMMITTEE ON COMMON SERVICE BOOK.

Protocol of the Conferences of the Joint Committee on Common Service Book for All English-Speaking Lutherans.

PHILADELPHIA, May 14, 1885.

Pursuant to the call of the Sub-Committee, the Joint Committee to prepare a *Common Service Book for all English-Speaking Lutherans*, met in the Library of the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, at 10 A. M., May 12, 1885.

The following members were present:

From the General Synod in the U. S.: Revs. G. U. Wenner, F. W. Conrad, D. D., A. C. Wedekind, D. D., M. Valentine, D. D.

From the General Council: Revs. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., J. A. Seiss, D. D., Samuel Laird, John Kohler, H. E. Jacobs, D. D., A. Spaeth, D. D.

From the General Synod South: Revs. S. A. Repass, D. D., Edward T. Horn.

Rev. Dr. Schmucker was called to the Chair, and Rev. Edward T. Horn was elected Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer, offered by Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D.

The Sub-Committee presented a report of their consultation at Charleston, April 17–22, 1884, which was received and considered.

The following was adopted as the agreement of the Joint Committee.

At 11 P. M., May 13, 1885, the Joint Committee adjourned, to await the action of the General Bodies which they represent; joining with Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., in thanksgiving to God and prayer for His further guidance and blessing.

I.

PRELIMINARY PRINCIPLES AGREED UPON BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

1. It is the understanding of the whole Joint Committee that the result of our labors must be referred to the Bodies we represent.

2. We dare make no service binding on the Congregation, and no part of a service should be used any longer than it serves to edification.

3. We agree to furnish the full Lutheran service, with all its provisions, for all who wish to use it.

4. If at any time or place the use of the full service is not desired, it is in entire conformity with good Lutheran usage that a simpler service may be provided and used, in which only the principal parts of the service in their order are contained.

II.

The Normal Lutheran Service.

1. *Introit.*
2. *Kyrie.*
3. *Gloria in Excelsis.*
4. *Collect.*
5. *Epistle.*
6. *Alleluia.*
7. *Gospel.*
8. *Creed.*
9. *Sermon.*
10. *General Prayer.*
11. *Preface.*
12. *Sanctus and Hosanna.*
13. *Exhortation to Communicants.*
14. *Lord's Prayer.* *Words of Institution.* or *Words of Institution.* *Lord's Prayer.*
15. *Agnus Dei.*
16. *Distribution.*
17. *Collect of Thanksgiving.*
18. *Benediction.*

III.

The Normal Lutheran Service,

With the additions proposed by the Joint Committee.

a. **A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost.**

b. *The Words*, **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**

c. **The Confession of Sins.**

1. *Introit.*
2. *Kyrie.*
3. *Gloria in Excelsis.*
4. *Collect.*
5. *Epistle.*
6. *Alleluia.*
7. *Gospel.*
8. *Creed.*

a. **The Principal Hymn.**

9. *The Sermon.*
10. *General Prayer.*

a. **Hymn.**

11. *Preface.*
12. *Sanctus and Hosanna.*
13. *Exhortation to Communicants.*
14. *Lord's Prayer.* *Words of Institution.* or *Words of Institution.* *Lord's Prayer.*
15. *Agnus Dei.*
16. *Distribution.*
17. *Thanksgiving.*
18. *Benediction.*

IV.

The Parts of the Service.

a. *Hymns.*

(1.) A Rubrical Direction shall be introduced allowing a *Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost* to be sung at the opening of the service, before the words, *In the Name*, &c.

(2.) The Principal Hymn may be sung after the Creed.

(3.) A Hymn may follow the General Prayer.

b.

Before the Confession of Sins shall be placed the words, *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

c. The *Confession of Sins.*

(1.) Where a General Confession of the Congregation is used in the Lutheran Agenda concerned, it is always placed before the Introit—and when it is used it should be so placed.

(2.) The *Confession of Sins* found in the Wittenberg KO. of 1559 is proposed, with the *Declaration* in Nürnberg, 1525.

1. The *Introit.*

The Introits for the Sundays and Festivals of the Church Year should be used; but instead of the Introit a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.

2. The *Kyrie.*

(1.) The simple *Kyrie* should be used.

(2.) Other forms of the *Kyrie* may be used.

3. The *Gloria in Excelsis.*

(1.) The *Gloria in Excelsis* should be sung.

(2.) Another Canticle or Hymn of Praise may be sung instead of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, except on Festival days and whenever the Holy Communion is administered.

(3.) The Minister shall introduce the *Gloria in Excelsis* by saying *Glory be to God on High.*

4. The *Collect.*

(1.) The Collects for the Festivals and Sundays of the Church Year shall be provided.

(2.) The Salutation and Response precede the Collect, but may be omitted.

5 and 7. *Epistle* and *Gospel.*

The Epistles and Gospels for the Church Year to be read; but the use of other portions of Scripture may be allowed.

6. The *Alleluia.*

After the Epistle the *Alleluia* and *Sentence* may be sung, or a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung.

8. The *Creed.*

(1.) The Nicene Creed shall be used whenever there is a Communion.

(2.) When there is no Communion, the Apostles' Creed may be used.

10. The *General Prayer.*

(1.) The General Prayer should follow the Sermon, but should any of the General Bodies allow it before the Sermon, the Committee will urge no objection.

(2.) Special prayers and thanksgivings shall be provided for insertion in the General Prayer.

(3.) The *Offerings* may be gathered either before or after the General Prayer.

(4.) The Announcements may be made at whatever time any of the Bodies appoints.

11. The *Preface.*

The Common and Proper Prefaces shall be used.

13. The *Exhortation.*

The *Exhortation* may be used.

14.

The question concerning the order of succession of the *Lord's Prayer* and the *Words of Institution* was postponed.

16. The *Distribution.*

(1.) The words, *The peace of the Lord be with you always*, shall precede the Distribution.

(2.) That the Words of Distribution be those of Brandenburg-Nürnberg KO., 1533.

(3.) The Sentence to be said at dismissing Communicants is not prescribed.

(4.) The *Nunc Dimittis* is omitted, inasmuch as its use in this place is not warranted by the general consent of the best Lutheran Liturgies of the Sixteenth Century.

17. The *Thanksgiving.*

(1.) The Thanksgiving Collect as in Brandenburg-Nürnburg KO., 1533.

(2.) The *Salutation* and *Response*, the *Benedicamus* and *Versicle* are to be inserted, the use of them to be left optional.

18. The *Benediction.*

The Old Testament Benediction is to be given in the service, with rubrical permission to use the New Testament Benediction.

V.

Order of the Service When There is No Communion.

When there is no Communion the Benediction shall follow the Hymn after the General Prayer.

VI.

The Evening Service.

I. At the beginning may be sung a Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, or another Hymn.

II. *Deus in Adjutorium.*

Gloria Patri. Amen. Hallelujah.

Prayer, if desired.

III. *Psalmody:*

1–3 Psalms, sung or said. At the end of each Psalm the *Gloria Patri* should be sung. An Antiphon should be sung to each Psalm.

IV. *Scripture Lessons* shall then be read.

Each Lesson may end with a Response (the text of which was not settled). Instead of the Response, a verse of a Hymn may be sung.

V. The *Responsorium* may be sung.

VI. *Sermon.*

VII. *Hymnus de Tempore.*

After the Sermon the offerings shall be gathered.

VIII. Then may be sung the *Let my prayer, &c.*

IX. The *Canticle.*

The *Magnificat*, the *Nunc Dimittis*, or a hymn.

An Antiphon may be used with the Canticle.

X. *Prayer.*

1. The Kyrie.
2. The Lord's Prayer.
3. Collects.

Instead of this order, the Litany or other prayers may be used.

XI. *Benedicamus Domino.*

Deo Dicamus Gratias.

Or a closing hymn.

XII. Benediction.

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted, and that the sincere thanks of this body be presented to the committee, and particularly to Rev. E. T. Horn for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which the work has been performed.

Moved:

That two additional members be added to the committee on Common Service.

That such committee be instructed to confer with the like committees of the General Synod in the U. S. and of the General Council, or if necessary, with the said General bodies themselves, with a view to securing also a common order of ministerial acts, and a common selection of hymns, or in other words the entire book of worship in common.

Rev. L. K. Probst was appointed a committee to wait upon the President of the Diet, to ascertain whether a meeting of the Diet should be announced for to-night.

Rev. Probst attended to his duty, and reported, that meeting should be announced, which was accordingly done by the President.

Synod adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and benediction by the President.

FIFTH SESSION.

JUNE 25, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. R. W. Petrea.—Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.

Capt. W. A. Barrier, Treasurer of General Synod, presented his report. Received and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Report of the Committee to the Diet.

Rev. Dr. Gilbert offered the Report of the Committee to the Diet:

An ardent desire having manifested itself in the Church South for a more general organic union, among the Evang. Lutheran Synods, and among the congregations, of which they are composed, if the internal union in spirit and doctrine, be sufficient to justify such union, a Church Diet was regularly called to convene in Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 12, 1884, for the purpose of considering this matter in all its bearings and different aspects, and,

WHEREAS, After a proper interchange of views, the said Diet agreed on, and adopted a basis for a more general union among the Evangelical Lutheran Synods in the South, and also a constitution for the government of such contemplated organization, and

WHEREAS, The said Diet, by resolutions, requested the Presidents of the Synods concerned to submit such basis and constitution to their respective Synods for ratification; and

WHEREAS, The said Synods ratified the said basis and constitution, and another Diet has been called and is now in session in this place, Roanoke, Va., for the purpose of taking such further action as may be deemed necessary for the establishment of such organization; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That this body now make the necessary arrangements to take the votes of the Synods concerned, by Synods, giving each one the privilege to cast its own vote in regard to the establishment of the union indicated, and on the basis and constitution adopted, the delegates of the Synods so desiring, first having the privilege of advising and con-

sulting with the General Synod South in reference thereto, and of obtaining its approval thereof; and,

Resolved, That if the result be favorable, such further action as may be deemed necessary for its consummation be taken, as

(A) Its organization under the name and title of the Synodical Diet of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; or such other name as may be agreed upon, and by electing officers according to the constitution.

(B) That a committee be appointed to prepare suitable by-laws, and report them at some future time.

(C) That the work now carried on by the Southern General Synod, which comes within the purview of the constitution of the more general organization, be perpetuated under and by it.

(D) That the property and means used in said Lutheran General Synod be continued to be used for such purposes, and that when they be no longer so used, they shall revert to the Synods now belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South, or their legal successors.

(E) That this organization shall not reflect on the history or meritorious deeds and achievements of the said Southern General Synod, or any other Synod in its connection, but cherish and perpetuate them.

D. M. GILBERT,
S. HENKEL,
J. A. LINN,
J. J. SCHERER,
J. K. HANCHER,
G. H. COX,
J. HAWKINS,
G. M. BELTZHOOVER,
S. C. WELLS,
P. N. HEILIG,
A. KOINER.

Received, considered by items, and approved.

WHEREAS, The report of the Diet Committee of Conference having reported to the Diet, and its report having been adopted by that body; and

WHEREAS, Said report having been referred by the Diet to this General Synod for its information and action; and

WHEREAS, The delegates composing this General Synod having asked the advice of this body as to the said report, and its approval thereof if thought best; and

WHEREAS, The said report has been approved by this General Synod; therefore,

Resolved 1. That the delegates of the several Synods, composing this Body, are advised, and the consent and approval of this Body are given thereto, to endeavor to establish the union indicated by the said report approved as above stated, and in the manner as therein set forth.

2. That the action so taken hereon be hereafter reported to this General Synod.

Moved:

That a committee be appointed to prepare a statement of the work now carried on by this Synod, to be referred to the Diet or the new body to be formed by it, for its consideration: and that such committee be charged also to prepare and transmit to the same body a list of "the property or means" of this General Synod South, and of the purposes to which these are now being applied.

Committee: Rev. E. T. Horn, of South Carolina Synod; Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, of Virginia Synod; Capt. T. L. Seigle, of North Carolina Synod; Rev. L. G. M. Miller, of the South Western Virginia Synod; Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., Georgia Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet at the call of the President. Benediction by the President.

SIXTH SESSION.

JUNE 26, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. H. S. Wingard. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions would report as follows:

No. 1 are letters from Revs. J. J. Miller and J. N. Derrick, members elect to this body from the Mississippi Synod, regretting their inability to be present, expressing great and loving sympathy with us in our work, and asking to be excused for non-attendance. We recommend that they be excused, and that we hereby assure the brethren in Mississippi, that we remember them with cordial affection, and rejoice to find in our present convention a lay delegate from their Synod.

No. 2 is a letter from our Missionary Swartz which we greatly desire to have read before this body; and then referred to the Committee on Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAWKINS.

Received, considered by items, and adopted.

That a Committee shall be appointed, with Bro. Beltzhoover as Chairman, to report in what manner the General Synod should proceed to close its convention.

Committee: Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, Rev. C. A. Rose, Mr. J. D. Cappleмann, Rev. H. S. Wingard, Rev. W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., Prof. J. W. Hanger.

The President announced as additional members of the Committee on a Common Service Book—Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Rev. W. B. Yonce, Ph. D.

Report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

The report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension was read, received, and made the special order for 3 P. M., to-day.

WHEREAS, The formation of a more general organic union among the Evangelical Lutheran Synods of the South, under the proposed name of "The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South," has been formally approved and concluded upon by both the Diet (now re-convened at this place) and also by this General Synod, and

WHEREAS, It is essential that a formal organization of said new body be effected before this General Synod can safely transact the business proper for it to conclude and dispose of; therefore,

Resolved, That this body do now adjourn until 12 o'clock to-day, to enable such members hereof as may so desire to attend a meeting, to be held in this house at 11 o'clock to-day, for the purpose of effecting such organization.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. M. Moser.

At 12.45 Synod re-assembled. Upon motion of Rev. J. J. Scherer, seconded by Rev. H. S. Wingard, Synod adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

JUNE 26, 3 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D. Minutes read and approved.

Upon motion the special order was disposed of by refer-

ring the report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension to the Committee on Missions.

Resolved, That the General Synod hold a Missionary meeting to-night.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The Report of the Committee on the President's report was presented:

Your Committee, to whose care the President's report was committed, would beg leave to submit for action the following:

The Report of the President, placed in our hands, is a brief, yet very lucid and comprehensive statement of the chief objects of interest claiming the attention of this body; with such valuable and well-timed suggestion as makes it a document of great value, reflecting great credit, as it truly does, upon both the head and the heart of its honored author.

I.—The report begins, in its detailed statements, with *Missions*, the most important work of the church. Here is held up to view promising home fields white for the harvest, yet wasting for want of laborers, and careful consideration is earnestly asked at the hands of this body.

The work of Foreign Missions, as now prosecuted by this body, is heartily approved; and our talented and efficient Missionary, Rev. W. P. Swartz, now in India, and meeting with encouraging success, is commended to the prayerful consideration of this body.

Resolved, That these important matters be referred to the appropriate committees, requesting careful and special consideration.

II.—The subject of *Theological Seminary*, to which the President earnestly calls the attention of this body, we beg leave to refer in full to the Committee already appointed.

III.—The matter of *Ecclesiastical Union*, so long devoutly wished for, and so earnestly hoped and prayed for, is referred to at length, and in such a way as to leave no question as to its desirability on the part of our worthy President. But as such union has been consummated, no further action is required save that we here record our gratitude; therefore,

Resolved, That it is with profound feelings of gratitude to Almighty God and devout thanksgiving that we here acknowledge the leadings of his hand and fervently pray that the union consummated may be a blessing to his church and redound to the glory of his name.

IV.—The special attention of the General Synod is directed to the growing custom in certain portions of our field of indiscriminately granting divorce; which custom is evil and only evil continually, and a

deliverance of no uncertain sound is asked at the hands of this body on this subject.

Resolved, That it is the deliberate conviction of this body, that save for the one Scriptural cause set forth in Matt. 5, 32, divorce cannot be legitimately granted, and that the innocent person so divorced and no other can be Scripturally married again.

V.—In conclusion your Committee suggest that the thanks of this General Synod be hereby heartily extended to our retired President for the faithfulness, efficiency, and uniform courtesy with which he has discharged his official duties.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. MOSER,
J. A. LINN,
G. M. BELTZHOOVER,
COMMITTEE.

Received, considered by items, and adopted.

Resolved, That we hereby urge our ministers to perform the rite of marriage for no one without conscientiously and fully satisfying themselves that the parties applying are not divorced persons, or that they are divorced according to God's requirement, as above recognized, since any otherwise the marriage would be adulterous, and *per se* null and void, as contrary to the institution and command of God.

Treasurer's Report for Session 1886, Held at Roanoke City, Va.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 15, 1886.

W. A. BARRIER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

SOUTHERN GENERAL SYNOD.

		DR.
1884.		
April 17,	To Amount on hand	$103.76
May 6,	" " received from F. W. E. Peschau for Orphan Home	5.00
1886.		
May 3,	To Amount rec'd from F. W. E. Peschau for Orphan Home	5.00
June 14,	To Am't rec'd from W. J. Duffie, (Publisher)	108.48
	Total amount received	$222.24

1884.			Cr.
April 18,	By Amount unpaid for printing Minutes of session of 1882	$54.53	
April 18,	By Amount paid W. C. Schaeffer for services rendered as Secretary for session of 1882	15.00	
1886.			
June 10,	By Amount paid H. S. Boner for printing Minutes of Session of 1884	97.72	
June 15,	By Cash in hands of Treasurer	54.99	$222.24

Committee on Treasurer's Report.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report offered the following:

To the President and Members of the General Synod South:

Your committee has examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct, and the disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CRAIG,
P. E. WISE,
Wm. McCAULEY,
Committee.

Adopted.

The committee, appointed to make a statement of the work already begun by the General Synod South and a list of the "property and means" it holds, and to bring it to the attention of the Diet, or to the body to be formed by it, report the following:

1. That the General Synod South has a Board of Missions, under whose charge a Foreign Mission is maintained; the annual expense of it being divided among the District Synods.

2. That there is a fund for the use of a Theological Seminary, under the control of a Board of Directors chosen by the delegations of the Synods represented.

3. That the General Synod South owns the copyright of the Book of Worship, (published by W. J. Duffie, of Columbia, S. C.) and the copyright of the *Hymn and Service Book for Sunday Schools*, (published by Lutheran Publication Society, of Philadelphia); and the income from the same is, according to contract, paid into the Treasury.

4. The General Synod South has adopted the report of the committee on the *Common Service Book for all English-speaking Lutherans*, and instructed it to unite with the committees of the Northern bodies in completing the service. It also has been instructed to invite those

bodies to authorize their committees to join in the preparation of common orders for Ministerial Acts, and a common Selection of Hymns.

5. The *Richmond Mission* has been fostered by the General Synod South. Aid has been offered and given by the various Synods and individuals.

EDWARD T. HORN,
G. M. BELTZHOOVER,
J. J. SCHERER,
J. A. LINN,
W. S. BOWMAN.

To the E. L. General Synod South:

The undersigned committee, appointed to report how this General Synod shall proceed to close its Convention, submit, that we recommend, that this General Synod shall transfer and commit by items and special motion, to the United Synod of the E. L. Church in the South, such church work and interests, (see report of committee to ascertain what they are,) and unfinished business of this body, as it may desire that body to take care of and attend to.

That this General Synod do then, when it has finished all business it may deem proper to transact under its separate existence, transfer its Records and Archives to said United Synod, and that it do then, to be followed by a benediction, close its session, by the adoption by a recorded vote of the following:

Resolved, That this General Synod having been officially notified that an organization of "the body contemplated by the action of the Diet" has been effected, under the name of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; and this General Synod having completed such part of its business as is deemed proper under its separate existence, and having provided for the transmission of its unfinished business, and the conduct of its Church Work to the care and action of said United Synod, does now and hereby *merge* this "Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South" into the said "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. BELTZHOOVER,
W. B. YONCE,
C. A. ROSE,
JNO. D. CAPPLEMAN,
H. S. WINGARD,
G. W. W. HANGER.

Moved:

That the report of Committee on Missions be referred to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Moved:

That all subjects referred to Standing Committees are referred to "The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

That all records and archives be transferred to said United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Secretary's Services.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Secretary the amount of $10.00 for his services.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 9 P. M.

EIGHTH SESSION.

JUNE 26, 10:30 P. M.

At the close of the Missionary meeting, Synod met and opened with prayer by Rev. E. A. Wingard. Owing to the lateness of the hour Synod adjourned with the benediction by the President.

NINTH SESSION.

JUNE 28, 9 o'clock, P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. E. T. Horn.

Report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The following proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary were reported to Synod, considered by item, and adopted.

As Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and under its instruction, I herewith submit some of its proceedings, for consideration and action of this General Synod.

Respectfully,

F. W. E. PESCHAU,
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

The officers are:

PRESIDENT—REV. J. J. SCHERER;

VICE-PRESIDENT—REV. D. M. GILBERT, D. D.;

SECRETARY—REV. F. W. E. PESCHAU.

The following constitute the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary:

North Carolina Synod.—Revs. F. W. E. Peschau, J. A. Linn, T. S. Brown, Messrs. I. F. Patterson, Capt. T. L. Seigle.

South Carolina Synod.—Revs. E. T. Horn, L. K. Probst, J. A. Sligh, Major P. E. Wise, J. B. O'Neall Holloway.

Virginia Synod.—Revs. J. H. Barb, L. L. Smith, D. M. Gilbert, D. D., W. E. Craig, Esq., J. C. Utz.

South West Virginia Synod.—Revs. J. J. Scherer, L. G. Miller, A. Phillippi, J. L. Groseclose, P. L. Terry.

Georgia Synod.—Rev. H. S. Wingard, Mr. J. B. Dasher.

As Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and under its instructions, I herewith submit some of its proceedings for the action of the General Synod.

Respectfully,

F. W. E. PESCHAU,
Secretary.

We, the undersigned Committee appointed, at the meeting of General Synod of the Lutheran Church South, held in Charleston, South Carolina, April, 1884, to examine the accounts of Wm. McCauley, former Treasurer of the Theological Seminary at Salem, Virginia, beg leave to submit the following report:

Having examined the accounts and vouchers of Mr. McCauley, late Treasurer, we find the total amount to have come into his hands, $3908.53

Of which disposition has been made as follows:

Cash turned over to H. S. Trout, Treasurer	$1818.63	
Bonds " " " "	1859.90	
General expenses paid by McCauley, late Treasurer	230.00	$3908.53

P. L. TERRY, Chr.,
L. G. M. MILLER.

Roanoke, Va., June 25, 1886.

To The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of ———

We the undersigned, a Committee appointed by your board, June 25th, 1886, to examine the uncollected assets of the Seminary, and in the discharge of that duty beg leave to make the following report:

That we have examined said assets, and find a large number of bonds which were given for the endowment of the Seminary and upon which nothing has been paid for years. These we think will be difficult to collect, unless the Seminary should be re-established in Virginia, or that the parties have some assurance as to what direction the funds will go. We find bonds to the amount of $1859.18, for which the former Treasurer loaned the funds of the Seminary, and on these bonds no in-

terest has been paid for several years. We are informed that some of these bonds are good, but part are of doubtful value.

We would recommend as to these bonds, that the Treasurer proceed to collect them as speedily as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. TROUT,
L. K. PROBST,
COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That in our opinion this Board should control this fund and hold it until other satisfactory arrangements be made.

STATEMENT OF H. S. TROUT, TREASURER LUTHERAN THEOL. SEMINARY.

ROANOKE, VA., June 26, 1886.

To amount of cash received of Mr. McCauley, former Treasurer of Seminary	$1818.63
To interest on same to June 1st, 1886	118.51
To amount of bonds turned over from Mr. McCauley	1859.90
	$3797.04

The above amount of bonds has considerable past due interest, but some of them I fear will be difficult to collect.

The bonds were turned over to me only on yesterday, and I have had no opportunity for collecting them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. TROUT,
TREASURER LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Resolved, That the bond offered by Mr. Trout be approved and accepted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to use his best efforts to have outstanding bonds paid or to get on them satisfactory security.

It is recommended, that the United Synod confirm the present Board of Directors.

That the constitution of the Seminary be so amended that the name "*United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South*," be read wherever the name General Synod, &c., occurs.

Resolved, That we recommend Bro. H. S. Trout, as Treasurer of the Seminary fund, to the General Synod.

Resolved, That we appropriate the amount of $300.00, to be paid to Rev. T. W. Dosh, D. D., in consideration of the circumstances under which the Theological Seminary was discontinued.

Resolved 1. That the Treasurer of the Seminary be requested, with

the assistance of the former Treasurer, to ascertain from what Synods these funds were derived.

2. When so ascertained notice is hereby given that, at the next meeting of the United Synod, application will be made that the funds shall be returned to the different Synods *pro rata* as to the amount contributed by each.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered Rev. Sylvanus Stall for the gratuitous distribution of his Lutheran Year Book among its members and invite him to make such remarks as he may see proper.

Communication from The United Synod in the South.

The following communication was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

To the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South:

We, the officers of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, hereby notify your body that said body has been organized and is ready for business.

A. L. CROUSE, Secretary. D. M. GILBERT, President.

Moved:

That the officers of this body be and hereby are authorized and directed to transfer all the assets of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; and that this body hereby appoints and constitutes the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South its legal successor in this and in all respects.

President's Final Report.

The President read the following report, which was received and adopted:

Beloved and esteemed Fathers and Brethren in Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South:

Grace and peace and mercy be unto you and rest upon you from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The hour for the merging of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South into the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South," having arrived, we have come to a point at which the labors of your President cease and the interests entrusted to him shall devolve upon his worthy successor, in the United Synod of the South, as the

programme for merging the General Synod into the new body provides.

As your retiring President, I can but express the earnest desire that all our general enterprises be carried on to a successful completion, and especially our home and foreign missionary enterprises, that our work among the Freedmen be not overlooked, and that an orphan asylum may be established, in which some rooms shall be set apart for the use of any of our aged poor and worthy pastors needing a home.

And in conclusion, dear brethren, accept my thanks for the honor bestowed upon me, and for the uniform kindness shown me as your presiding and now retiring officer. I wish each of you, individually, and all of you unitedly, "The blessing of the Lord, which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow."

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

F. W. E. PESCHAU.

Moved:

That we request the Diet and United Synod to print the Minutes of this meeting of the General Synod South in connection with their own.

Resolved, That this General Synod having received official information that the formal organization of "the body contemplated by the action of the Diet," has been effected under the name of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South," and this Synod having adopted so much of its business as is deemed proper to transact under its separate existence, and having provided for the transmission to said united Synod the conduct of its church work and so much of its unfinished business as it desires said body to care for and attend to, do now and hereby *merge* this "Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South" into the said "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

Upon which the following vote was recorded:

Georgia Synod.

The Georgia delegation at its own request was excused from voting.

North Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. Samuel Rothrock, aye; Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, aye; Rev. T. S. Brown, aye; Rev. J. A. Linn, aye; Rev. C. A. Rose, aye.

LAY—Col. P. N. Heilig, aye; Capt. T. L. Seigle, aye; Capt. J. A. Fisher, aye; Mr. I. F. Patterson, aye; Mr. C. G. Heilig, aye.

Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., aye; Rev. D. M. Moser, aye; Rev. J. H. Barb, aye; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, aye; Rev. L. L. Smith, aye.

LAY—Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, aye; Mr. J. C. Utz, absent; W. E. Craig, Esq., absent.

South Western Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, aye; Rev. Alex. Phillippi, aye; Rev. J. J. Scherer, absent; Rev. W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., aye; Rev. W. E. Hubbert, absent.

LAY—Mr. P. L. Terry, aye; Mr. J. L. Groseclose, aye; Prof. S. C. Wells, absent; Maj. Wm. McCauley, absent.

South Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., aye; Rev. J. A. Sligh, absent; Rev. Edward T. Horn, aye; Rev. E. A. Wingard, aye; Rev. L. K. Probst, aye.

LAY—Maj. P. E. Wise, aye; Mr. J. D. Capplemann, aye; Mr. J. B. O'N. Holloway, aye.

Mississippi Synod.

CLERICAL, ———.

LAY—Prof. J. W. Hanger, aye.

Benediction by the President.

W. C. SCHAEFFER,

SECRETARY GENERAL SYNOD SOUTH.

Advisory Members and Visitors.

The following brethren were enrolled as Advisory Members and Visitors to this Convention of Synod:

Advisory Members of Synod.

Rev. E. J. Wolf, D. D. .....Gettysburg, Pa.
Rev. George Scholl, D. D.....Hanover, Pa.
Rev. J. C. Zimmerman ..... York, Pa.
Rev. F. Klinefelter.....Greencastle, Pa.
Rev. J. H. Turner.....Lutherville, Md.
Rev. S. B. Barnitz .....Des Moines, Iowa.
Rev. E. Studebaker.....Charleston, Tenn.
Rev. V. R. Stickley.....Middlebrook, Va.
Rev. J. B. Greiner.....Marion, Va.
Rev. W. S. McClanahan.....Salem, Va.
Rev. S. T. Hallman. .....Pomaria, S. C.
Rev. R. W. Petrea.....Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Rev. E. E. Sibole.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. G. U. Wenner.....New York, N. Y.
Rev. J. C. Miller.....Eve Springs, Tenn.
Rev. J. A. Snyder.....New Market, Va.
Rev. F. V. N. Painter.....Salem, Va.
Rev. A. J. Bowers.....Columbia, S. C.
Rev. J. B. Fox.....Tennessee.
Rev. C. A. Marks.....Prosperity, S. C.
Rev. W. H. Settlemeyer.....Staunton, Va.
Rev. G. W. Spiggle.....Middlebrook, Va.
Rev. E. E. Barclay.....Augusta, Ga.
Rev. I. P. Hawkins .....Marion, Va.
Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D.....Luray, Va.
Rev. R. C. Holland.....Martinsburg, W. Va.

Entitled to Seats Within Bar of Synod.

Rev. L. R. Green, M. E. Church.
Rev. G. H. Thompson, M. E. Church.
Rev. W. C. Campbell, Presbyterian Church.

Lord's Day Services.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church.—9:30 A. M., Devotional Meeting, led by Rev. C. A. Marks, of South Carolina.

11 A. M., Sermon by Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., of Pennsylvania.

3 P. M., Children's Mass Meeting—addresses by Supt. H. S. Boner, of Philadelphia, Pastor G. U. Wenner, of New York city, G. P. Ockershausen, of New York, and Rev. S. B. Barnitz (of the International Committee) Iowa.

5:45 P. M., German Service. Sermon by Pastor G. U. Wenner.

8:15 P. M., Sermon by special request for the Working Men. Sermon by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, of Richmond, Va.

St. John's Episcopal Church.—11 A. M., Rev. E. T. Horn, of Charleston, S. C.

8 P. M., Rev. G. U. Wenner, of New York.

Presbyterian Church.—11 A. M., Rev. Sylvanus Stall, of Pennsylvania.

8 P. M., Rev. E. A. Wingard, of South Carolina.

M. E. Church South.—11 A. M., Rev. E. J. Wolf, D. D., of Pennsylvania.

8 P. M., Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, of North Carolina.

Baptist Church.—11 A. M., Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., of Winchester, Va.

8. P. M., Rev. J. C. Miller, of Tennessee.

M. E. Church.—11 A. M., Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., of Tennessee.

8 P. M., Rev. L. L. Smith, of Virginia.

1*st Baptist* (*colored*).—11 A. M., Rev. S. T. Hallman, of South Carolina.

8 P. M., Rev. E. E. Barclay, of Augusta, Ga.

High St. Baptist (*colored*).—11 A. M., Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, of Virginia.

A. M. E. Church.—11 A. M., Rev. J. H. Barb, of Virginia.

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND DIET

OF THE

SOUTHERN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
THURSDAY, June 24, 1886—10 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to the published call of the officers, under authority of a resolution of the Diet, held in Salisbury, November 12–13, 1884, the Second Diet convened in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Roanoke City, Virginia, June 24, 1886, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Diet was formally called to order by the President, Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., of the Holston Synod. Prayer by Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., of the South Carolina Synod.

The following delegates were enrolled:

North Carolina Synod.

Clerical—Revs. S. Rothrock, J. A. Linn, F. W. E. Peschau, T. S. Brown, and C. A. Rose.

Lay—Col. P. N. Heilig, Capt. T. L. Seigle, Capt. J. A. Fisher, C. J. Heilig, Esq., and I. F. Patterson, Esq.

Tennessee Synod.

Clerical—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, C. H. Bernheim, and E. L. Lybrand.

Lay—Maj. Absalom Koiner and C. M. Efird, Esq.

South Carolina Synod.

Clerical—Revs. J. Hawkins, D. D., J. A. Sligh, E. T. Horn, E. A. Wingard, and L. K. Probst.

Lay—Maj. P. E. Wise, Jno. D. Cappleman, Esq., and J. B. O'Neal Holloway.

Virginia Synod.

Clerical—Revs. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., D. M. Moser, J. H. Barb, W. C. Schaeffer, and L. L. Smith.

Lay—Hon. Geo. M. Beltzhoover, J. C. Utz, Esq., and W. E. Craig, Esq.

South West Virginia Synod.

Clerical—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, A. Phillippi, J. J. Scherer, W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., and W. E. Hubbert.

Lay—Dr. S. C. Wells, Capt. P. L. Terry, Messrs. Wm. McCauley, J. L. Groseclose.

Holston Synod.

Clerical—Revs. A. J. Brown, D. D., J. K. Hancher, and G. H. Cox.

Commissioners General Synod South.

Clerical—Revs. J. Hawkins, D. D., J. J. Scherer, H. S. Wingard, and D. M. Gilbert, D. D.

Lay—W. E. Craig, Esq., Wm. McCauley, Esq.

The President's Report.

The President read the following report, which was received for further consideration:

Dear Brethren in Christ:—The Diet of the Evangelical Lutheran Church South, held in Salisbury, N. C., in Nov., 1884, made arrangements for another meeting, if advisable, of the same kind and for similar purposes, at such time and place as its officers might designate. This action of the Diet, as its officers interpreted it, invested them with discretionary powers, or duties. It did not make it their duty to call another meeting of the Diet, or another Diet, except upon such conditions as would, in their judgment, warrant the hope of uniting our Southern Lutheran Church in one general body,—the ultimate object contemplated in the original call of the Diet, as well as in all its proceedings. Such conditions have, in our judgment, arisen, and hence the call for our present meeting.

The Basis of union and the Constitution adopted by the Diet in 1884, and ordered to be submitted to the District Synods concerned for ratification, or rejection, were laid before these Synods, at the proper time, and promptly acted upon. A large majority of them, embracing in that number, the oldest, largest and most influential of them, officially, or as Synods in their representative capacity approved said Basis and Constitution, and with the belief that the way was clear for the consummation of the desired union, elected delegates to represent them in another meeting of the Diet, or in another Diet, with explicit instructions

to co-operate with delegates from other Synods interested in the organic union of our Southern Lutheran Church in one general body, upon this Basis and Constitution.

The only Synods which have not thus endorsed the action of the Diet of 1884, are the Georgia and Mississippi Synods. Both these Synods hold that the Southern General Synod, of which they are component parts, is the only body through which the District Synods connected with it can properly act in the matter in question. One of these, the Synod of Georgia, refers the whole matter of union to the General Synod, and pledges itself to abide by its action. I have not been favored with the official report of the action of the Mississippi Synod, though I have made efforts to obtain it; but judging from references made in our church papers to the official report of its proceedings, it expresses itself fully satisfied with the Doctrinal Basis of the Southern General Synod, and intimates that it will not enter into the contemplated union on any other basis than this. But as the Doctrinal Basis of this body, as officially laid down and interpreted at its meeting in Richmond, Va., in 1880, is substantially the same as the Basis of union adopted by the Salisbury Diet, we have reason to believe that the Mississippi Synod, when correctly and fully informed upon this point, will not stand aloof from the proposed union.

In the light of all the facts in the case, you have been called together on this occasion, and I most heartily congratulate you and the Synods which we represent, as well as the Church generally, upon the highly favorable auspices under which we have assembled. If I read aright the signs of the times, the hand of God has evidently been in this movement from its incipiency through every stage of its progress down to the present time, as I pray and trust it may be till it closes; and the conviction of the divine guidance and blessing should not only inspire our hearts with devout feelings of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, but should cheer our hearts and stimulate us to still greater efforts to consummate the union so auspiciously begun. A brighter day has dawned upon us. We seem at length to have reached a point in the history of our beloved Church in the South, for long years divided, alienated, distracted, and crippled in her energies, and retarded in her progress, at which we may without the compromise of principle, or the sacrifice of any proper feeling of self-respect, heal all our divisions, harmonize all our discords, wipe away our standing reproach, and give a new and powerful impulse to the cause so near and dear to our hearts.

Our duty on this important occasion is plain and easy. It is simply to execute the clearly expressed will of our constituents. They have, as already intimated, well nigh universally ratified the plan of union adopted by the Diet at Salisbury in 1884, and sent us here with explicit and unconditional instructions to execute that plan. They have invested us

with no discretionary powers except such as would necessarily arise from the demand of such conditions as would clearly come in conflict with the conditions of the union proposed, and thus tend to defeat its ends. It is not our province to sit in judgment on the wisdom of the action of the Synods which we represent. We have no right either expressed or implied, to tamper in any respect with the plan of union ratified by them, or to require any new conditions of union. To do this would only tend to delay the union and possibly utterly defeat it.

Let us then, brethren, promptly enter upon the business legitimately before us, deeply impressed with a sense of its great importance, and the grave responsibilities which rest upon us. Let us remember that we hold in our hands, so far as human agency is concerned, the destiny of our church in the South for years to come. Let us invoke the divine presence, guidance, and blessing; for, "unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

A. J. BROWN.

Resolved, That this Diet be considered a continuation of the Diet held at Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 12–13, 1884.

Resolved, That the action taken by the different bodies to which the Basis of Union and Constitution, adopted at Salisbury, were referred for approval, be now heard by this body.

Resolved, That the delegation from each body represented in this Diet read their report from their printed Minutes.

The North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Southwest Virginia, Tennessee, and Holston Synod delegations reported the adoption of the Basis and Constitution submitted by the Diet.

Resolved, That all motions presented to this body be reduced to writing before presentation, except the motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, and to postpone.

Resolved, That all Lutheran Ministers and the Professors in our Literary Institutions be invited to seats as advisory members in this Diet.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of two from each Synod, be appointed to report in what manner the proposed union may at once be consummated.

Committee.

North Carolina Synod—Rev. J. A. Linn, Col. P. N. Heilig; Virginia Synod—Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover; South Carolina Synod—Rev. J. Haw-

kins, D. D., J. D. Cappleman, Esq.; South West Virginia Synod—Rev. J. J. Scherer, Dr. S. C. Wells; Holston Synod —Revs. J. K. Hancher and G. H. Cox; General Synod South—Rev. H. S. Wingard, W. E. Craig, Esq.

Resolved, That the privilege be extended to any member of this Diet to present to the Committee any papers bearing upon the subject committed to it.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

SECOND SESSION.

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Roanoke City, Va., June 24, 1886—9:30 P. M.

The Diet convened. Prayer by Rev. J. K. Hancher, of the Holston Synod. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Plan of Union submitted the following report:

Report of Committee on Plan of Union.

An ardent desire having manifested itself in the Church South, for a more general organic union among the Evangelical Lutheran Synods and the congregations, of which they are composed, if the internal union in spirit and doctrine be sufficient to justify such union, a church Diet was regularly called to convene in Salisbury, North Carolina, on November 12, 1884, for the purpose of considering this important matter in all its bearings and different aspects; and whereas, after a proper interchange of views, the said Diet agreed on, and adopted, a Basis for a more general union among the Evangelical Lutheran Synods in the South, and also a Constitution for the government of such contemplated organization; and whereas, the said Diet, by resolutions, requested the Presidents of the Synods concerned, to submit such Basis and Constitution to their respective Synods for ratification; and whereas, the said Synods have ratified the said Basis and Constitution, and another Diet has been called and is now in session at this place, Roanoke, Va., for the purpose of taking such further action as may be deemed necessary for the establishment of such organization; be it, therefore,

Resolved 1. That this body now make the necessary arrangements to take the votes of the Synods concerned, by Synods, giving each one the privilege to cast its own vote in regard to the establishment of the union indicated, on the Basis and Constitution adopted; the delegates of the Synods so desiring first having the privilege of advising and

consulting with the General Synod South in reference thereto, and of obtaining its approval thereof; and,

Resolved 2. That, if the result be favorable, such further action as may be deemed necessary for its consummation be taken, as

(A) Its organization under the name and title of the Synodical Diet of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or such other name as may be agreed upon, by electing officers according to the constitution.

(B) That a committee be appointed to prepare suitable by-laws, and report them at some future session.

(C) That the work now carried on by the Southern General Synod, which comes within the purview of the constitution of the more general organization, be perpetuated under and by it.

(D) That the property and means used in said Lutheran General Synod be continued to be used for such purposes, and that when they be no longer so used, they shall revert to the Synods now belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South, or their legal successors.

(E) That this organization shall not reflect on the history or meritorious deeds and achievements of the said Southern General Synod, or any other Synod in its connection, but cherish and perpetuate them.

D. M. GILBERT,
S. HENKEL,
J. A. LINN,
J. J. SCHERER,
J. K. HANCHER,
G. H. COX,
J. HAWKINS,
G. M. BELTZHOOVER,
S. C. WELLS,
P. N. HEILIG,
A. KOINER,
W. E. CRAIG.

The report was received, considered by items, amended, and adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That a copy of this document be placed in the hands of the Commissioners of the Southern General Synod, to be transmitted to that body for its information and action.

The Diet adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., of the Tennessee Synod.

THIRD SESSION.

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROANOKE, VA., JUNE 25, 1886—3 P. M.

The Diet convened. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., of the South West Virginia Synod. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed on the President's report.

Committee.

Revs. L. K. Probst, J. H. Barb, and A. L. Crouse.

The following report of the Commissioners of the General Synod South, was received :

Report of the Commissioners of the General Synod South to the Diet.

The Commissioners of the General Synod South, holding seats in this Diet, laid before that body the report of the Diet's Committee on plan of Union, in compliance with the instructions given them in last night's session. The paper was fully considered and in all its parts approved, whereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved 1. That the delegates of the several Synods composing this Body are advised, and the consent and approval of this Body are given thereto, to endeavor to establish the union indicated by the said report approved as above stated, and in the manner as therein set forth.

2. That the action so taken hereunder be hereafter reported to this General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. GILBERT,
CHAIRMAN.

Resolved, That the delegations now proceed to carry out the plan of Union.

A recess was taken for five minutes, to allow time for consultation. The following is

The Vote by Synods on the Question of Union.

AYES—North Carolina Synod, 12; Tennessee Synod, 18; South Carolina Synod, 14; Virginia Synod, 10; South West Virginia Synod, 6; Holston, 6; Mississippi Synod, 2. Total, 68. NAYES—none.

Resolved, That the name of this body be "*The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.*"

Adjourned to meet at 10 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. E. J. Wolf, D. D., of the Gettysburg Seminary.

FOURTH SESSION.

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROANOKE CITY, VA., JUNE 26, 1886—10:30 A. M.

The Diet convened. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, of the Virginia Synod. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following was received and adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The Committee, appointed to examine the Report of the President of the Diet, would report that they find in it nothing requiring the special action of this body.

It is an interesting and clear statement of the organization of the Diet at Salisbury in 1884, the work accomplished by it up to the present time, and the occasion for the calling of this second Diet. We would recommend that this report be placed with the archives of the Diet and printed with them. Respectfully submitted,

L. K. PROBST,
JNO. H. BARB,
A. L. CROUSE.

Resolved, That this Diet do now adjourn, subject to the call of the President, to enable such members hereof as may so desire, to attend a meeting to be held in this church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to-day, for the purpose of effecting an organization of the proposed "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

Adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION.

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROANOKE CITY, VA., JUNE 26, 1886—5 P. M.

The Diet convened. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the records and archives of this body after its adjournment, be turned over to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and that said body be requested to publish the Minutes of this body with those of its own.

Resolved, That we clearly recognize the divine guidance and assistance in the efforts made for the unification of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, from their inauguration to their consummation in the formation of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, for which we desire to thus publicly express our devout gratitude to Almighty God.

Resolved, That this Diet, having successfully accomplished its work, do now adjourn *sine die*.

Prayer by Rev. J. K. Hancher, of the Holston Synod. Benediction by the President.

L. L. SMITH,

SECRETARY SOUTHERN LUTHERAN CHURCH-DIET.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST CONVENTION

OF THE

United Synod of the E. L. Church in the South.

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROANOKE, VA., JUNE 26, 1886—11 A. M.

The delegates appointed by the North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, South West Virginia, Holston, and Mississippi Evangelical Lutheran Synods, met for the purpose of organizing the general body proposed and provided for by previous action of their own and of the Evangelical Lutheran Diet and Southern General Synod. On motion, Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., of the Virginia Synod, was elected temporary Chairman and Rev. E. T. Horn, of the S. C. Synod, temporary Secretary.

Resolved, That this organization be made under the constitution adopted by the Diet at Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 13, 1884.

The following delegates were enrolled:

North Carolina Synod.

Revs. S. Rothrock, F. W. E. Peschau, T. S. Brown, J. A. Linn, C. A. Rose, Col. P. N. Heilig, Capt. J. A. Fisher, Capt. T. L. Seigle, C. G. Heilig, and I. Frank Patterson.

Tennessee Synod.

Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, C. H. Bernheim, and C. M. Efird, Esq.

South Carolina Synod.

Revs. J. Hawkins, D. D., J. A. Sligh, Edward T. Horn, E. A. Wingard, L. K. Probst, Maj. P. E. Wise, J. D. Capplemann, Esq., and J. B. O'Neal Holloway.

Virginia Synod.

Revs. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., D. M. Moser, J. H. Barb, W. C. Schaeffer, L. L. Smith, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, and J. C. Utz.

Southwest Virginia Synod.

Revs. L. G. M. Miller, A. Phillippi, J. J. Scherer, Dr. S. C. Wells, P. L. Terry, and J. L. Groseclose.

Holston Synod.

Revs. A. J. Brown, D. D., J. K. Hancher, Geo. H. Cox.

Mississippi Synod.

Prof. G. H. Hanger.

Georgia Synod.

Revs. W. S. Bowman, D. D., H. S. Wingard, Dr. J. P. Taylor, and Mr. B. J. Dasher.

Resolved, That a majority of all the votes cast be necessary for the election of any officer of this body.

Resolved, That this convention now formally adopts the Basis of Union adopted at Salisbury.

Resolved, That the Constitution adopted at Salisbury be now formally adopted by this convention, and the name "UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH" be inserted in the blank spaces as printed in the Minutes of the Diet at Salisbury.

An election for officers resulted in the choice of

REV. D. M. GILBERT, D. D.—*President.*
REV. F. W. E. PESCHAU—*Vice-President.*
REV. A. L. CROUSE—*Secretary.*
CAPT. W. A. BARRIER—*Treasurer.*

The following Committee on By-Laws was appointed: Revs. T. S. Brown, J. A. Sligh, J. J. Scherer, J. H. Barb, S. Henkel, D. D., G. H. Cox, and Prof. Hanger.

The By-Laws of the General Synod South were adopted for guidance until the Committee makes its report.

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the officers of this Body, be appointed to wait upon the officers of the Diet, to receive the papers and Minutes of said Diet when it dissolves.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this Body be instructed when it adjourns, to at once officially notify, in writing, the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South of the organization of this Body.

Adjourned subject to the call of the President from the Chair. Benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 12.30 P. M.

Synod met. Prayer with Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D. The roll was called and the minutes were read, corrected, and adopted. Lutheran ministers present were invited to seats as advisory members.

The following in regard to the Synod of Georgia was adopted:

WHEREAS, The delegates of the Georgia Synod were specifically instructed by said Synod to abide by and concur in the action of the General Synod South with regard to the matter of a union of all the Synods represented at the Diet at Salisbury; and

WHEREAS, The General Synod South has adopted the Basis of Union and Constitution adopted by said Diet; and

WHEREAS, The General Synod South has been regularly merged into the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; therefore

Resolved, That the Georgia Synod is an integral part of this Synod.

A motion to hold a session of Synod at night prevailed.

Synod adjourned. Prayer with Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 P. M.

Synod met. Prayer with Rev. S. Henkel, D. D. The roll was called. The minutes were read and adopted. Rev. L. L. Smith was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The following additions to the different committees were announced by the President:

1. To Committee No. 3, on Minutes of District Synods.—Rev. G. H. Cox.

2. To Committee No. 4, on State of the Church.—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and H. S. Wingard.

3. To Committee No. 7, on Literary Institutions.—Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.

4. To Committee No. 8, on Missions.—Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim.

5. To Committee No. 9, on Treasurer's Report.—Mr. C. M. Efird.

6. To Committee No. 10, on Mileage.—Dr. J. P. Taylor.

Rev. J. A. Sligh was excused from further attendance.

The following report was made, received, considered, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Mileage.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following:

We are informed by the Treasurer of the Synod, that he has no money on hand which can with propriety be devoted to the payment of mileage; we, therefore, present no tabulated statement as to the number of miles traveled by each delegate.

It is the custom of many of the District Synods, to pay the necessary traveling expenses of their delegates; we, therefore, recommend—

Resolved, That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Respectfully submitted,

L. K. PROBST,
I. F. PATTERSON.

Rev. J. L. Probst was excused from further attendance.

Savannah, Ga., and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1887, were chosen as the place and time of the next convention of the United Synod.

Resolved, That this body hereby approves the work already done by the Joint Committee, consisting of Revs. Edward T. Horn, D. M. Gilbert, D. D., W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., on the Common Service Book for all English-speaking Lutherans; and by this action adopts as its own the committee instructed by the General Synod South to continue and complete the work.

Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, of Conover, N. C., was added to the committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Common Service be instructed to publish the Common Service as soon as it shall be completed.

The following report was made, received, and adopted:

Committee on the State of the Church.

The union of our Synods in this Body upon a basis acknowledging all the Confessions of the Church, is the most gratifying proof of growth in knowledge and in love among us. It is out of the power of this committee to suggest all the matters which should claim our attention, or all the remedies which should be applied. It is gratifying to know that great interest has been displayed in our Foreign Mission work; and we confidently expect much from the concurrent action of all the Synods connected with this Body. As time goes on, the want of a General Theological Seminary will be more and more felt.

As a means to discover the *State of the Church*, and to suggest the best ways to serve it, your committee beg leave to suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That the District Synods be requested to consider and report upon the advisability of a General Visitation of the whole Church, by a committee appointed by this Body, whose duty it shall be thoroughly to examine the State of the Church, and to present to our people the general interests of this United Synod.

EDWARD T. HORN,
S. HENKEL,
JNO. D. CAPPLEMANN,
H. S. WINGARD.

The following report was received, considered, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

Your Committee on Church Literature submit the following:

I. BOOK OF COMMON SERVICE.

It is exceedingly gratifying to the committee to know that the Common Service Book, adopted by the General Council and General Synod North, has been adopted by the Southern General Synod, and inasmuch as the United Synod has pledged itself to take up and carry on the enterprises of the old Synod, it also receives the endorsement of the United Synod.

The report of the committee was not only confirmed, but was continued on the Common Service Book, and requested to unite with the members of the committee of the other two bodies, to propose a common order for ministerial acts, and a common selection of hymns.

II. CHURCH PAPERS.

Your committee has noted with pleasure the marked improvement in the *Lutheran Visitor*, under its enlarged management; also, its increased circulation. *Our Church Paper*, published at New Market, Va.,

is accomplishing a good work. The company at New Market has issued many valuable historical and doctrinal publications.

A church paper is a great educator, and let it find a place in every household.

T. S. BROWN,
E. A. WINGARD,
J. A. FISHER.

Adjourned. Prayer with Rev. J. C. Miller.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 8 P. M.

Synod met. Prayer with Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D. The roll was called, the minutes read and adopted. The following report was submitted, considered, and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your committee would respectfully report that various papers have been before them for consideration, and they submit the following items for action:

(1.) The report of the Board of Missions gives a detailed statement of the work for the past two years, and presents encouraging evidences of the increased interest of our people in this great work of the Church. We offer the following:

(*a.*) That the Board of Missions be directed to pledge this Body to the continued support of Rev. W. P. Swartz, our Missionary in India.

(*b.*) That the Board of Missions be directed to call on the Church for increased offerings to the cause of Foreign Missions, so that the Board may be enabled to send a second missionary to the foreign field.

(*c.*) That the report of the Board of Missions be printed in the Minutes of this body.

(2.) The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions exhibits enlarged contributions to the missionary cause. The report was examined by this committee, and found to be correct.

Resolved, That this report be incorporated in the Minutes and published.

(3.) A memorial from a committee of the executive committee of the South Carolina Synod gives a statement of the present condition of the Mission at Augusta, Ga., under the control of that body, and memorializes this body to receive the Mission under its fostering care. It is recommended by this committee:

(*a.*) That the Mission at Augusta, Ga., be received under the fostering care of this Body.

(*b.*) That the Mission at Augusta, Ga., be referred to the Board of Missions for its financial aid, and that said Board be instructed to raise $2500 to assist the Mission to complete its church edifice, said amount to be expended under the direction of said committee; provided, the Board of Missions, after full investigation, finds it judicious and practicable.

(4.) A letter from Rev. E. E. Barclay. It is recommended this letter be referred to the Board of Missions.

(5.) Your committee would recommend to this Body the following persons to constitute the Board of Home and Foreign Missions until its next convention:

Revs. E. T. Horn, L. K. Probst, E. A. Wingard, W. S. Bowman, D. D., J. D. Capplemann, Esq., Maj. H. A. Meetz, and C. M. Efird, Esq.

(6.) *Resolved*, That each District Synod connected with this Body be requested to appoint an Advisory Board of Missions.

(7.) That the Board of Missions be instructed to devise some plan for a church extension fund, and report to this body at its next convention.

With gratitude to God for the missionary development of the past two years in our Southern Church, and asking His blessing for the future, this report is respectfully submitted.

L. L. SMITH,
E. A. WINGARD,
C. H. BERNHEIM,
J. L. GROSECLOSE,
COMMITTEE.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a responsibility upon the Church, to endeavor to make some provision for the care and maintenance of superannuated and disabled ministers, and for the needy widows and orphans of ministers, and there being at present no organized effort therefor, made by or under the auspices of the United Synod;

Resolved, That for the purpose of making a beginning in this cause, and with the sincere hope of future growth, a temporary organization be effected by the appointment of

REV. F. W. E. PESCHAU—*President;*
REV. L. L. SMITH—*Secretary;*
CAPT. P. L. TERRY—*Treasurer and Financial Agent;*

Who are hereby authorized in the name, and with the endorsement of this United Synod, to solicit contributions, and to take such steps for

the collection of funds for that purpose as they may deem proper, and report to the next regular meeting of this United Synod, for permanent organization under its direction.

The following report was submitted and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Literary Institutions.

The following are the Literary Institutions in the bounds of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Male Schools.

Beth Eden Institute, Webster, Miss., Prof. G. W. Hanger, Principal.

From the information gathered, we are glad to state that this institution is in a better condition now than for several years past. Last session ninety-nine students were enrolled, which is encouraging, and the prospects for the future are quite flattering.

Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., Rev. Prof. G. W. Holland, President.

This college is in a hopeful condition. It is entirely free from debt, has an efficient faculty, good library, and other essentials necessary in the work of education. The institution has an endowment, and the friends of the same have been making faithful efforts, from time to time, to increase it, and they are meeting with success.

North Carolina College, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Rev. Prof. G. F. Schaeffer, President.

The attendance last year of this school was about seventy-five students. The matter of raising an endowment for this college is now claiming the attention of the N. C. Synod. The agent is in the field, and already four thousand dollars have been secured. The intention of the "Board of Trustees" and of the Synod is to raise for endowment thirty thousand dollars. If this can be done, then this institution will be on a firm financial basis.

Roanoke College, Salem, Va., Prof. J. D. Dreher, Ph. D., President.

This institution is not only holding its own, but is advancing in usefulness, influence, and in the thoroughness of its work. The catalogue of 1885–'86 shows an enrollment of one hundred and fifty-seven students, representing fifteen States and two Territories. During the last few years several bequests have been reported as made for the college, but are not yet available. Also a number of persons have made donations to the library, the apparatus, and the mineral cabinet. Upon the whole, Roanoke College is doing good work, with the prospects of accomplishing more in the future.

Female Schools.

Walhalla Female College, Rev. J. Steck, D. D., Principal.

As we have no catalogue of this institution, we have nothing of a definite nature to report, but trust, however, that with its new faculty and arrangements, it will have an easy road to success.

Marion Female College, Rev. Prof. J. J. Scherer, Principal, owned and controlled by the Synod of Southwestern Virginia.

This school is holding its own, widening its influence, and increasing its educational facilities. The catalogue shows that one hundred and five students were in attendance last year. We are glad to thus note the continual prosperity of this institution.

Trinity Hall, Wytheville, Va., Rev. Prof. A. Phillippi, Principal.

This institution has been doing good work from the beginning. The zealous, consecrated, and persevering Principal of this school will continue to succeed without a doubt, and may God bless the work of his hands.

Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary, N. C., Rev. Prof. J. A. Linn, Principal.

This institution, under Prof. Linn's administration, is building up gradually, and we trust, permanently.

Staunton Female Seminary, Staunton, Va., Rev. Prof. J. Willis, President.

The Principal of this school tells us that the work of the last session was encouraging, and now the outlook for the future is better than ever before. The institution has an efficient faculty, and the training is of a high moral and intellectual nature. Superior advantages in music and the sciences are here offered.

Girls' Home School.—Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., of Luray, Va., has been engaged for some time in educational work, and has established a school at the above named place, which is growing in influence and usefulness.

Male and Female Schools.

Concordia College, Conover, N. C., Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser, President (elect.)

This college is distinctively Lutheran, and since it has been founded, has been doing good service in the cause of education and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Funds have been collected for this institution, and they will be used no doubt judiciously in increasing the advantages of the same.

Mosheim College.—Mosheim College belongs to the Holston Synod, Tenn. The board recently elected Rev. Prof. Gerhard as President, and it is to be hoped that with a new faculty and outfit this school will succeed and be of much service to our church in that section.

GASTON COLLEGE.—Rev. Prof. M. L. Little, of the Tennessee Synod, has a college at Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., which is under Lutheran influence, and is doing a noble work in the cause of education.

Respectfully,

C. A. ROSE,
J. HAWKINS,
G. W. W. HANGER,
A. J. BROWN.

Report of The Board of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension.

MR. PRESIDENT, FATHERS, AND BRETHREN:—

At the last General Synod the following persons were constituted a Board of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension: Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D., W. E. Craig, Esq., and Capt. J. A. Fisher.

The Board held its first meeting in Staunton, Va., July 21, 1884, and organized by the election of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, President; Rev. S. A. Repass, Secretary; Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Treasurer.

With devout gratitude to God for His guidance and blessing upon their labors, your Board would respectfully present the following report:

I. THE RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the Board, from all sources as shown by the Treasurer's report, which accompanies this report, have been $3,567.28.

II. THE WORK.

Home Missions.—The work of Home Missions within the bounds of the General Synod was prosecuted by the District Synods, and only small amounts for special missions passed through the hands of the Board.

Foreign Missions.—The Board, at its first meeting, appointed Rev. W. P. Swartz Missionary to India, fixing his salary at $750.00 per annum, with expenses, outfit, and passage to India.

The Board instructed Bro. Swartz to canvass the congregations and Synods of the Southern Church, with a view to increasing interest in the work and organizing under the direction of the Board Women's and Children's Missionary Societies. The labors of brother Swartz were greatly blessed and abundantly fruitful in good results. The formation of Women's Auxiliary Missionary Societies has developed an element of eminent usefulness in the Church. About 40 Auxiliary Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, with nearly 1000 members, and 4 Synodical Socities have been organized and about 60 Children's Foreign Missionary Societies.

Rev. Bro. Swartz having concluded his canvass of the churches, it was decided that, after a brief rest, he should set sail for India.

Accordingly a farewell meeting was arranged, to be held in Grace Lutheran Church, Winchester, Va., July 6, 1885. The meeting was very largely attended and the services were of a highly interesting character. Appropriate and impressive addresses were delivered by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., on behalf the Board and by Revs. J. G. Butler, D. D., and George Scholl, D. D., of the Northern General Synod's Board and by Rev. W. P. Swartz. The prayers, sympathy, and support of the Church, were pledged to our Missionary, and all joined in wishing him a hearty God speed to his responsible field of labor. On the 12th of July, Bro. Swartz sailed from New York for Guntur, India, where he arrived in October in good health, after a pleasant and successful voyage.

Bro. Swartz's report will be presented to General Synod at this session.

III. THE FIELD.

The field for Home Missionary enterprises for the extension of our church in the South is very great. The South is making marvelous development of its material resources. During the past year more than $60,000,000 of Northern capital have been invested in Southern enterprises. Emigration is turning from the frozen North toward the sunny South. The star of empire is Southward. And now the Board would appeal to this Body to inaugurate such measures as shall meet the demands of this great growth and development in all our Southern country. There are at this time great opportunities in the cities and growing towns of the South. Chattanooga, New Orleans, Augusta, Savannah, Raleigh, and Orlando, are appealing to-day for the establishment of the Church of the Reformation, and from the broad, fertile plains of the South, now being occupied by brethren of our own common faith, comes up the earnest Macedonian cry for help. Let us not fail to occupy.

IV. OUR NEEDS.

To meet our great responsibilities we need :

1. *Men.*—We need men consecrated ; men ready to make sacrifice and endure hardness ; men of piety, of judgment, and of the invaluable gift, *tact*, to occupy the field.

2. *Money.*—We need money. Our church has the money. It is for us to devise plans to obtain it, in order that we meet the responsible claims now pressing upon us.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the support of Rev. W. P. Swartz, our Mission-

ary to Guntur, India, be continued and arrangements be made therefor.

2. *Resolved*, That the pastors of all our churches be urged to encourage the organization of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and Children's Missionary Societies in the Sunday schools.

W. C. SCHAEFFER,
D. M. GILBERT,
W. E. CRAIG,
J. A. FISHER.

Report of Treasurer of Mission and Church Extension Board.

D. M. GILBERT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANG. LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Foreign Missions.

1884.		DR.
Oct. 22,	To amt. of S. S. of Lebanon church, Wythe Co., Va.	$ 2 00
Oct. 27,	To amt. of T. J. Shickel, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod,	50 00
Nov. 15,	To amt. per Rev. G. W. Holland, ex-Treas. Central Committee, contributions of Synod of Va	380 00
	" " Synod of So. Ca.....	154 28
Nov. 26,	To amt. per Rev. D. M. Moser, Treas. Synod of Va , for pr'er house, &c., in India, Rev. C. Beard,	50 00
	" " " " " " Rev. D. M. Moser	5 00
Dec. 18,	To amt. of Maj. P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod....	73 02
1885.		
Jan. 21,	To amt. of inft. class, Luther Chapel, Newb'ry, S. C.	4 00
Feb. 6,	" " " Maj. P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod... ..	27 05
Feb. 21,	" " " Benj. Cronk, per Rev. Dr. Repass.....	2 50
Mar. 9,	" " " Maj. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod.....	32 75
Mar. 19,	" " per Rev. W. P. Swartz, for printing office outfit, St. Paul's church, Wilmington, N. C.....	16 10
	G. M. Beltzhoover, Esq., W. Va	5 00
	Little girl, Columbia, S. C.....	50
	W. B. Baker, Esq., Virginia..	50 00
April 9,	To amt. of Grace church sewing so'ty, Winchester, Va., for support of boy in India school.....	25 00
April 9,	To amt. of Grace church Infant School, ditto	25 00
April 9,	" " " D. M. Moser, Treas. Va. Synod.....	50 00
April 9,	" " " Mrs. A. Goebel, Treas. W. H. & F. Miss. Soc., Savannah, Ga.....	11 00
		$963 20

1885.	To amt. brought over	$	963 20
Apr. 18,	To amt. of Rev. D. M. Moser, Treas. Va. Synod		313 33
Apr. 24,	" " " Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. Ex. Com. W. H. & F. M. S., S. C. Synod		49 10
May 16,	" " " Miss E. L. Rinker, Virginia		8 00
June 12,	" " " Ebenezer S. S., Columbia, S. C		16 30
June 16,	" " " Col. P. N. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod		386 74
June 20,	" " " T. J. Shickel, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod		50 00
June 22,	" " " Treas. Savannah W. H. & F. M. S		25 00
June 22,	" " " Children's Miss. Soc., Orangeburg, S. C.		4 25
June 22,	To amt. of Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Ex. Comm. W. H. & F. M. S., Synod of Va		18 00
June 22,	" " " Mrs. Fanny Baker, Staunton, Va		1 00
June 24,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. W. H. & F. M. S., Ex. Com. Va. Synod		72 51
June 26,	" " " Children's Soc., Laurel Hill, Eff. Co., Ga.		2 50
June 26,	" " " " " " Bethel Ch., Eff. Co., Ga.		7 50
June 29,	" " " " " " Newberry, S. C		30 00
June 29,	" " " Miss Hattie E. Martin, Treas. Ex. Com. W. H. & F. M. S., Synod of S. W. Va		82 00
June 30,	" " " Rev. D. M. Moser, Treas. Va. Synod		70 00
July 1,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Ex. Com. etc.		4 23
July 1,	" " " Rev. W. Eichelberger, for Printing Press		5 00
July 1,	" " " W. H. & F. M. S., Sandy Run, S. C		6 00
July 1,	" " " H. Trin. Ch., Mt. Pleasant, N. C., for press		3 06
July 3,	" " " P. L. Terry, Esq., Va., printing press, &c.		75 00
July 3,	" " " Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas. Ex. Com., W. H. & F. M. S., Synod of N. C		32 85
July 1,	" " " Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas., etc		10 00
July 6,	" " " Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas., etc		50 00
Aug. 28,	" " " C. K. Coby, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod		50 00
Sept. 25,	" " " Rev. J. H. Barb, Treas. Va. Synod		35 00
Oct. 5,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas., etc		57 69
Oct. 9,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas., etc		4 42
Oct. 10,	" " " Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas., etc		28 50
Nov. 21,	" " " Mrs. P. L. Terry, Treas. Ex. Com. W. H. & F. M. S., Synod of S. W. Va		102 42
Nov. 21,	" " " Mrs. Terry, Treas., (Hospital in India)		1 80
Nov. 25,	" " " Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas., etc		100 00
Dec. 17,	" " " Children's Soc., Zion Ch., Eff. Co., Ga.,		8 00
Dec. 24,	" " " " " " Savannah, Ga		59 48
Dec. 24,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas., etc		4 74
			$2,737 56

1885.	To amt. brought over.		$2 737 56
Dec. 31,	" " from Children's Society, Winchester, Va.		21 75
1886.			
Jan. 4,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas., etc.....		27 04
Jan. 5,	" " " Mrs. M. E. Hammond, Virginia		3 00
Jan. 12,	" " " Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas., etc.....		57 30
Jan. 12,	" " " Mrs. A. Goebel, Treas. Sav. W. H. & F. M. S.....		37 60
Jan. 23,	To amt. from Children's Soc's of Rev. J. D. Shirey's pastorate, N. C.....		32 00
Jan. 25,	" " " ditto of Rev. B. S. Brown's pastorate,		15 00
Feb. 1,	" " " Maj. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod.....		50 00
Feb. 13,	" " " Soc'y Holy Trinity S. S., Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....		15 00
Mar. 5,	" " " Miller S. S., Eff. Co., Ga.....		5 00
Mar. 5.	" " " Children's Soc., Bethel Church, Eff. Co., Ga.....		9 23
Mar. 30,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas., etc		5 93
Apr. 6,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas., etc.....		46 18
Apr. 10,	" " " Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas., etc		83 30
Apr. 21,	" " " Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas., etc.....		50 00
Apr. 23,	" " " Maj. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod		8 21
May 5,	" " " Maj. Wise, Treas S. C. Synod.....		20 00
May 12,	" " " Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas., etc..... ..		26 37
May 12,	" " " S. S. Shepherdstown, W. Va		50 00
June 3,	" " " W. H. & F. M. S., Savannah, Ga.. ...		20 00
June 9,	" " " Children's Soc., Jerusalem Church, Eff. Co., Ga		16 13
June 25,	" " " W. H. & F. M. S., Richmond, Va....		10 85
June 25,	" " " Children's Soc., Richmond, Va..... .		5 31
			$3 352 76

1884.			Cr.		
Nov. 20,	By amt. paid for Treasurer's Book.....$	75	vou.	no.	0
Dec. 3,	" " " O. F. Lantz, Treas., etc., for prayer house and support of native preacher in India.....	55 00	"	"	1
Dec. 30,	" " " O. F. Lantz, Tr., salary of Rev. W. P. Swartz, to March 1, 1885.....	375 00	"	"	2
Dec. 30,	" " " O. F. Lantz, Tr., traveling expenses of Rev. W. P. Swartz.....	112 18	"	"	3
					$542 93

1885.			By amt. brought over	$542 93			
Jan.	22,	"	" paid Rev. J. A. Clutz, for children's certificates	44 00	vou. no.		4
Jan.	22,	"	" " for expressage on ditto	75	"	"	0
Mar.	8,	"	" " Printing	4 25	"	"	4½
Mar.	23,	"	" " O. F. Lantz, Treas., salary of Rev. W. P. Swartz	187 50	"	"	5
Mar.	23,	"	" " O. F. L., Tr. exp. of Rev. W. P. Swartz	77 29	"	"	6
Apr.	9,	"	" " O. F. L., support of two boys in training school, India	50 00	"	"	7
May	8,	"	" " for printing consti'on	6 50	"	"	7½
May	25,	"	" " O. F. L. for expenses of Rev. W. P. Swartz	52 63			
May	25,	"	" " O. F. L. for expenses of Miss McClanahan	23 05	"	"	8
May	25,	"	" " O. F. L. for printing constitution W. H. & F. M. S	5 25			
May	27,	"	" " O. F. L., Tr., (Rev. W. P. Swartz's outfit)	150 00	"	"	9
July	1,	"	" " Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, traveling expenses	8 00	"	"	10
July	6,	"	" " O. F. L., Tr., printing press contributions	155 60	"	"	11
July	17,	"	" " O. F. L., Rev. W. P. Swartz's passage to India	400 00	"	"	12
July	17,	"	" " O. F. L., Rev. W. P. S's exp. to July 7	33 90			
July	17,	"	" " O. F. L., Rev. W. P. S's salary to Sept. 1, 1885	187 50	"	"	13
Nov.	4,	"	" " O. F. L., Rev. W. P. Swartz, salary to Jan. 1, 1886	250 00	"	"	14
1886.							
Jan.	6,	"	" " O. F. L., Rev. W. P. Swartz, salary to May 1, 1886	250 00	"	"	15
May	4,	"	" " O. F. L., Rev. W. P. Swartz, salary to Sept. 1, 1886	250 00	"	"	16
		"	" " for postage, &c	5 40			
			Balance in Treasury	668 21			
				$3 352 76			

Home Missions.

1884.					Dr.
Oct. 27,	To amt. from	T. J. Shickel, Tr. S. W. Va. Synod			$ 60 00
1885.					
Apr. 9,	" "	"	Sav. W. H. & F. M. S.		25 00
July 1,	" "	"	Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas. W. H. & F. M. S., N. C. Synod		5 00
Nov. 21,	" "	"	P. L. Terry, Treas. W. H., etc., S. W. Va. Synod		24 52
1886.					
Jan. 12,	" "	"	Sav. W. H. & F. M. S., for Ga. Synod's Fund		30 00
Feb. 10,	" "	"	Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Ex. Com. W. H. & F. M. S., Va. Synod, for Augusta Mission		25 00
May 6,	" "	"	Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Tr., for Aug. Miss.		25 00
June 3,	" "	"	W. H. & F. M. S., Savannah, Ga., for Ga. Synod's Miss. Fund		20 00
					$214 52

1885.				Cr.		
Apr. 10,	By amt. paid	Rev. S. S. Rahn, Aug., Ga.		$ 25 00	vou. no.	1
1886.						
Jan. 13,	" "	"	Capt. W. Jennings, Tr. Ga. Synod's Mission Fund	30 00	" "	2
Feb. 14,	" "	"	Fred. Peterson, Treas., Augusta, Ga	25 00	" "	3
May 6,	" "	"	Fred. Peterson, Treas., Augusta, Ga	25 00	" "	4
June 3,	" "	"	Capt. W. Jennings, Treas., etc.	20 00	" "	5
	Balance in Treasury			89 52		
				$214 52		

D. M. GILBERT, *Treasurer.*

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 2500 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed pro rata, and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer by the officers to pay for printing and mailing the same, and if there is not sufficient money in the Treasury that the amount be pro rated among the district Synods.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due to the members of St. Mark's Church and other Christian brethren and friends of Roanoke, for the respect and hospitality with which they have treated us during our brief sojourn amongst them, and that the Pastor of St. Mark's Church be requested to read this resolution publicly from the pulpit at the close of religious services next Sunday, and also have it published in the city papers.

On motion, the thanks of Synod were voted to Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Pastor of St. Mark's Church, for courtesies and attentions to the members and visitors.

The following corresponding delegates were elected:

To General Synod North, Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D.; and Rev. L. L. Smith, alternate.

To General Council, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.; and Rev. Geo. H. Cox, alternate.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South does hereby accept all the archives, records, papers, and trusts of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod South, and hereby pledges itself to carry forward all the enterprises of the said Evangelical Lutheran General Synod, and to assume all its contracts.

Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover was elected Treasurer of the Richmond Mission Fund of this body.

Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That a committee of one from each Synod here represented be appointed to inquire into the propriety and feasibility of establishing and maintaining a central theological seminary, whose control and property shall belong to this general body, and to report to the next convention of this body:

Committee.

Rev. J. H. Barb, Va. Synod, Chairman; Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Tennessee Synod; Rev. J. A. Linn, N. C. Synod; Rev. J. A. Sligh, S. C. Synod; Rev. A. Phillippi, S. W. Va.

Synod; Rev. G. H. Cox, Holston Synod; Rev. H. S. Wingard, Ga. Synod; and Rev. J. N. Derrick, Miss. Synod.

Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., was directed to turn over to the Board of Missions twenty-two dollars placed in his hands for the benefit of an English Mission in Atlanta, Ga.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare and publish in the Minutes a table of statistics showing the combined strength of the District Synods composing this United Synod.

Rev. F. W. E. Peschau was appointed a committee on parochial blanks and statistics of Southern work, to report to the next convention of this body.

The Secretary was allowed fifteen dollars for services.

A committee, composed of Revs. E. T. Horn and A. L. Crouse, was appointed to procure a seal for this body.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The United Synod then adjourned to meet in the city of Savannah, Ga., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1887, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The closing services were conducted by the President.

A. L. CROUSE,

SECRET'Y OF UNITED SYNOD E. L. CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE E. L. CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

[NOTE.—The *Standing Committees*, with the additions made by the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South," are herewith published.

There is some difference as to the names as they appear here and on page 9, due to the fact, that the list of appointments had to be made from memory, the written list having passed into the hands of one of Synod's members, and was not found until the most of the Minutes were printed. The following is the list as corrected:]

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Revs. D. M. Moser, J. A. Linn, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover.

2. MINUTES OF SYNOD.—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, T. S. Brown, Mr. B. J. Dasher.

3. DISTRICT SYNODS.—Revs. W. S. Bowman, D. D., W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., G. H. Cox, Mr. J. C. Utz.

4. STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Revs. E. T. Horn, A. Phillippi, S. Henkel, D. D., H. S. Wingard, Mr. J. D. Capplemann.

5. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Officers of Synod and *pastor loci*.

6. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. L. L. Smith, H. S. Wingard, W. E. Hubbert, Col. P. N. Heilig, Geo. B. Cromer, Esq.

7. LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.—Revs. C. A. Rose, J. J. Scherer, A. J. Brown, D. D., Profs. S. C. Wells, Ph. D., G. W. W. Hanger.

8. MISSIONS.—Revs. L. L. Smith, E. A. Wingard, W. E. Hubbert, Prof. C. H. Bernheim, Mr. J. L. Groseclose.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT.—Messrs. W. E. Craig, P. E. Wise, Wm. McCauley, C. M. Efird.

10. MILEAGE.—Rev. L. K. Probst, Messrs. I. F. Patterson, J. P. Taylor, M. D.

11. LETTERS AND PETITIONS.—Revs. J. Hawkins, D. D., S. Rothrock, A. Phillippi, Capt. T. L. Seigle, C. G. Heilig, Esq.

12. CHURCH LITERATURE.—Revs. T. S. Brown, E. A. Wingard, Capt. J. A. Fisher.

SYNODICAL STATISTICS.

ITEMS.	N. C. Synod.	Tenn. Synod.	S. C. Synod.	Virginia Synod.	S. W. Va. Synod.	*Miss. Synod.	Georgia Synod.	Holston Synod.	Totals.
Organized	1803	1820	1824	1829	1842	1855	1860	1861	.....
Ministers	28	30	35	29	30	8	8	14	182
Congregations	50	97	61	60	44	10	19	23	364
Members	5,130	9,050	6,642	4,124	2,644	400	1,214	1,625	30,829
Communicants	4,150	.....	6,019	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,169
Souls	.....	13,696	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,696
Adult Baptisms	25	73	47	122	78	.....	21	12	378
Infant Baptisms	343	741	352	126	67	.....	134	140	1,904
Confirmations	287	685	249	183	107	.....	51	79	1,641
Certificate	79	52	97	67	39	.....	20	2	356
Restorations	10	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	21
From other Churches	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86
Removals	79	21	74	43	29	.....	32	.....	275
Expulsions	11	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Excommunications	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	6	.....	7
Deaths	69	276	154	64	19	.....	10	26	618
Funerals	133	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	40	45	225
Lutheran Sunday Schools	.....	46	62	41	41	.....	13	8	211
Union Sunday Schools	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	5	20
Sunday School Officers	138	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138
Sunday School Teachers	107	258	531	467	.....	.....	130	19	1,512

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ITEMS.	N. C. Synod.	Tenn Synod.	S. C. Synod.	Virginia Synod.	S. W. Va. Synod.	*Miss. Synod.	Georgia Synod.	Holston Synod.	Totals.
Sunday School Scholars	2,596	2,576	4,001	3,641	2,577	.....	916	383	16,190
Devotional Meetings	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
Prayer Meetings	7	.....	23	.....	13	....	8	.....	51
Benevolent Societies	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Sunday School Contributions	622.64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	622 64
General Benevolence	264.50	.....	.....	393.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	658.00
Synodical Fund	344.10	103.95	207 36	1,359.39	539.24	.....	124.33	77.28	3,755.65
Disabled Ministers	29.75	.....	.....	149.74	.....	.....	.....	.....	179 49
Beneficiary Education	183.94	415.00	.....	.....	76.22	....	.....	.....	675.78
Current Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,793.82	.....	6,793.82
Salary	6,987.99	5,333.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	248.20	.....	12,569.19
Local Objects	7,168.03	82.05	10,810.39	14,967.84	4,622.20	.....	.....	.....	37,653.54
Other Objects	39.10	3,519.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,558.70
Education Fund	107.24	1,914.95	817.75	.....	.....	.....	347.50	.....	3,187.44
Home Missions	445.37	†	428.26	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.99	909.61
Foreign Missions	302.30	.....	502.11	434.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,240.56
Richmond Mission	573.18	.....	.....	1,639.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,212.18
Church Extension	1,809.28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,809.28
Totals	19,877.43	11,469.15	13,765.87	18,945.62	5,237.66		7,513.85	113.27	76,922 88

*Failed to furnish any information.
†Paid to the Conferences.

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, N. C., 11 A. M., Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1889.

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OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
SAVANNAH, GA., NOV. 24, 1887.

The Second Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, met in the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Nov. 24, 1887, at 11 A. M. In the absence of the President, Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., the Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Vice-President of Synod, preached the Synodical sermon. After the sermon, the Secretary, Rev. A. L. Crouse, conducted the service of confession and absolution, preparatory to the reception of the Lord's Supper, which was then administered to the members of the Synod, of the congregation, and visiting members of some of our distant congregations.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, NOV. 24, 4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was called to order by the Vice-President, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, and opened according to prescribed form.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

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CLERICAL—Revs. F. W. E. Peschau, T. S. Brown, C. B. King, J. D. Shirey, C. A. Rose.

LAY—Capt. T. L. Seigle, Capt. W. A. Barrier, I. F. Patterson, A. D. Wessel, Col. P. N. Heilig.

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CLERICAL—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, Prof. J. C. Moser, J. K. Efird, J. P. Stirewalt, Prof. J. S. Koiner, E. L. Lybrand.

LAY—Wm. Coffman, Isaiah Bowman, Prof. J. F. Moser, Dr. J. W. Eargle, Maj. H. A. Meetze.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. G. W. Holland, Ph. D., Edward T. Horn, D. D., E. A. Wingard, J. H. Wilson, J. Hawkins, D. D., S. T. Hallman, S. S. Rahn.

LAY—Maj. G. Leapheart, Maj. P. E. Wise, D. B. Wheeler, Esq., G. B. Cromer, Esq., Dr. D. L. Boozer, L. S. Bowers, J. D. Cappleman, Esq.

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LAY—Adam Diacont.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, L. A. Fox, D. D., W. E. Hubbert, J. E. Bushnell.

LAY—Prof. J. D. Dreher, Ph. D., Hon. H. S. Trout, Esq., D. B. Strouse, Esq.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

LAY— ———

GEORGIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. J. S. Elmore, W. A. Julian, (alternate, Rev. J. Austin).

LAY—Hon. Geo. N. Nichols, Capt. J. D. Groover.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. A. J. Brown, D. D., J. K. Hancher, J. C. Miller.

LAY— ———

The Vice-President and Treasurer read their reports, which were received and held for reference to the proper committees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—Greetings in the name of our dear Lord Jesus!

By the removal of our worthy and esteemed President, Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., the duties of the Presidency devolve upon me. By the kind and merciful providence of God, we are permitted to meet at the time and place agreed upon in Roanoke, Va., and I feel sure we can come only with hearts full of thankfulness, on this Thanksgiving Day, for the mercies vouchsafed to us and the blessings bestowed upon our Church, in all her various departments, since we last met.

Permit me, please, to draw your attention to a number of suggestions and recommendations which I believe will require your careful consideration, and will, also, I trust, call forth wise deliberation on your part.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission interests in the South have never been in so successful and substantial a condition as now, and the outlook is more promising than ever. The same needs still present themselves to us, namely, we need more men and more money.

The field is growing, and new points are claiming our attention and asking for aid, and hence, it is to be sincerely hoped, that your honorable body itself, or, through its Board of Missions, will enact wise and liberal things in this so very important direction. Let special efforts be put forth for Florida and Alabama, where so many of our people are settling down, and whilst we make special efforts for these States, let us not neglect the States where we are already well established, and where so many growing towns present such rich fields for success. Surely, we must all rejoice at the success of our mission in Augusta.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

I have nothing more to say regarding our foreign missionary than to express the pain felt by all of us at our disappointment in him. It is only a deep, sad, and painful disappointment.

It will not, it must not, stop our work or dishearten us in our labors. His death would not have stopped us. How then, or why then, should his unfaithfulness?

Let us all, and let all our Churches, learn this one lesson, to love more, and to appreciate more, and to honor more, our ministers who have been true and who are still true to our Church, and who reject all tempting and flattering offers from other denominations; and, alas, many of our talented men have thus been tempted by other denominations.

Let me suggest and recommend, that until after other arrangements are made, and even then, also, that a Lutheran Seamen's Aid Society be formed. Fully two-thirds of all the officers and sailors of foreign vessels, coming to the ports of Savannah, Charleston, and Wilmington, are Lutherans. We are doing nothing for them spiritually, except what our city pastors, in the cities named, are doing for them, and they are too busy with their regular duties. Let us have in these ports Lutheran Chaplains and Bethels, to care for these our people and children with us in the same household of faith.

I am glad to report, that Mr. Carl. Schmidt, a German Lutheran sailor, offered me $1.00 for this noble object. I take pleasure in herewith turning over $1.00, as the beginning of a fund for a

LUTHERAN SEAMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Mengert Missionary Society, of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Wilmington, promised $5.00, and, no doubt, the American Seamen Society would cheerfully co-operate with us and help us to support our Chaplains.

BOOK OF WORSHIP WITH TUNES.

Inasmuch as the noble efforts of our self-sacrificing brethren of the three English-speaking general bodies have succeeded in arranging and agreeing upon a common liturgical service, let me suggest and recommend, that your honorable body appoint a committee of three to cooperate with a similar committee from the General Synod North and the General Council, to prepare a Book of Worship, or Hymnal, with tunes, or in case it is deemed wisest, constitute a committee of five, to publish a special Book of Hymns, with tunes, for use in our own Churches, prefaced by the new and common liturgy.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

A Theological Seminary, upon which all will agree, and which will be an institution supported by all and under the supervision of the Board of Directors, duly appointed by the late General Synod, and merged with it into this body, is a necessity. Having been quite frequently spoken to on the subject, by both ministers and laymen, I would recommend the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary be instructed to inquire into what has been done at Newberry, S. C., and Salem, Va., and also to inquire as to the price of the handsome and suitable edifice in Salisbury, N. C., known as the Harrison Mansion, ascertain what the citizens of Salisbury will do in aiding our Church to make the purchase, and to purchase the same if in its wisdom it can see its way clear to do so.

RIGHTS, POWERS, AND PRIVILEGES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

An important and delicate duty devolves upon you, and it is the defining of the rights, powers, and privileges of the various district Synods connected with the United Synod, and the relations they sustain to one another and to the general body.

Let me suggest, that great care, prudence, and patience be exercised in this matter. A very worthy minister of one of our important Synods was regularly and honorably dismissed to another important Synod, and the letter of dismissal was not accepted, and the minister not received. In view of this case, let me ask you to answer the following questions: What are the rights and claims of one Synod on another? What are the powers of one Synod against another? What powers has your body in these matters? I recommend that a committee, consisting of one clerical and one lay member from each district synod, be appointed to define your position upon these questions.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

It is a source of gratification that one of our churches,—St. Enoch's, at Enochville, N. C.,—has made the beginning of a Church Extension Fund, by having raised $75.00. A Church Extension Fund is a necessity in our work of carrying on our home missionary operations, and let me, therefore, recommend that your honorable body either form a Church Extension Society, or that it instruct its Board of Missions to make appeals for money for such a fund, and authorize the Board, when a sufficient amount is secured, to let one or more of our weak churches have use of the money, as a loan free of interest.

BEQUESTS.

It is a pleasant indication of commendable progress in liberality to hear and read of bequests made by members of our congregations to our churches and our institutions. There should be many more instances of liberal giving to our Church in this way, and there would be if our pastors would speak or preach more about it. Cannot some way be devised by which this might be accomplished?

OUR W. H. AND F. M. SOCIETIES.

It is with pleasure that I hear and read of the noble and successful work of our women in their various societies. They will yet prove themselves mighty helpers in our Mission operations if only properly encouraged. Would it not be well to advise them to form a General Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and ask said general body to sustain some home mission and missionary, through or under the auspices of our Board of Missions? Would not special work at some point be best for them and best for us? I would recommend that

you take some action looking to the effecting of such an arrangement.

And now, in conclusion, let me thank you, brethren, for the kindness shown me and the honors you have bestowed upon me, and may God's blessing rest upon you, in all your deliberations and labors.

Returning to you the trust committed to me, I pray that God may make you perfect in every good work, to do His will.

F. W. E. PESCHAU.

Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., *pastor loci*, made an address of welcome to the Synod, and closed by conveying from Mr. D. G. Purse an invitation to accompany him on an excursion to Tybee Island. The invitation was unanimously accepted, and Friday, 2.30 P. M., was fixed as the time for starting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., *President.*
Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., *Vice-President.*
Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Secretary.*
Capt. W. A. Barrier, *Treasurer.*

Synod adjourned to meet at 9 A. M., Friday. Prayer with Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with responsive services led by the President, and in prayer with Rev. W. E. Hubbert.

The roll was called, minutes read and approved.

Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., official visitor from the General Council, was received and heard. He was welcomed by the President. Rev. Prof. P. M. Bickle, Ph. D., was received as delegate from the General Synod and heard. He was likewise welcomed by the President.

The President laid before Synod a communication from the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church,

which was read by the Secretary and given to a committee. The President announced the following committees:

President's Report.—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. J. D. Shirey, G. B. Cromer, Esq., Hon. H. S. Trout, Rev. J. K. Hancher, Hon. Geo. N. Nichols.

Minutes of United Synod.—Rev. C. A. Rose, Rev. J. S. Elmore, Rev. J. E. Bushnell.

Minutes of District Synods.—Rev. Prof. G. W. Holland, Ph. D., Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, Capt. T. L. Seigle, Prof. J. D. Dreher, Ph. D., Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Maj. H. A. Meetze.

State of the Church.—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. J. C. Miller, Maj. G. Leapheart, Dr. J. W. Eargle, Dr. D. L. Boozer.

Devotional Exercises.—The *pastor loci* and Officers of Synod.

Theological Seminary.—Rev. E. A. Wingard, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Col. P. N. Heilig, Rev. J. A. Snyder, Rev. T. S. Brown.

Literary Institutions.—Rev. S. T. Hallman, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Wm. Coffman.

Treasurer's Report.—L. S. Bowers, I. F. Patterson, Adam Diacont.

Church Literature.—Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Rev. W. E. Hubbert, Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

Letter from House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church.—Maj. H. A. Meetze, Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

Minutes of General Synod and General Council.—Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., Rev. C. B. King, Mr. I. Bowman.

Missions.—Rev. J. A. Snyder, G. B. Cromer, Esq., Capt. J. D. Groover.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., chairman, read the report of the Board of Missions, which was received and considered by items.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board would respectfully present the following narrative of its operations since its appointment (June 28, 1886), and also the recommendations which, after thorough consideration, it is prepared to urge upon the United Synod.

At its first meeting, the Board organized by the appointment of Rev. Edward T. Horn, President; Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary; and John D. Cappelmann, Esq., Treasurer.

I. HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Home and Foreign Missions was committed to this Board with certain definite instructions. The *United Synod* resolved *that the Mission at Augusta, Ga., be received under the fostering care of this body. That the Mission at Augusta, Ga., be referred to the Board of Missions for its financial aid, and that said Board be instructed to raise $2500, to assist the Mission to complete its church edifice, said amount to be expended under the direction of said committee; provided the Board of Missions, after full investigation, finds it judicious and practicable.* And a letter from Rev. E. E. Barclay, the pastor of that church, in which he asked that $100 *per annum* be contributed to his salary, was referred to the Board.

The English Lutheran Church of Augusta is a mission of the Synod of South Carolina. In 1883–1884, an agent of the Executive Committee of that Synod was sent to Augusta, where was a church at that time exclusively German, which had formerly belonged to that Synod, but had withdrawn from it. He "conducted himself with the greatest propriety; refused to address himself to any but the recognized authorities of the German congregation; and was rewarded by a courteous resolution of the Church Council, thanking him for his visit and setting forth their intention to provide English services for their young people." Afterwards he was requested to come back and organize some of the members of the older congregation into an English Lutheran Church. This was done with the consent of the older congregation, and the happiest relations were said to exist between the two.

At first the new organization was able to maintain a pastor without assistance, but they needed help to build a church. Accordingly, the South Carolina Synod determined to buy a piece of land for them, and did so, at a cost of $3300. This lot is the property of the South Caro-

lina Synod. On it a church has been erected. Some of the members of the congregation having become poorer, the South Carolina Synod has continued to contribute to the pastor's salary. The congregation has given generously to the building expenses. This is the church building in whose erection we were directed to help.

It is proper to add, that the Missionary reports that there are 51 communicants in his congregation, —— in his Sunday-school, and that —— have been contributed to various purposes during the past three months. On November 20, 1887, the church was consecrated, by Rev. S. T. Hallman, President of South Carolina Synod; and the pastor was installed by Rev. S. S. Rahn.

The best information we can gather shows that the congregation esteems its pastor, and the successful completion of the church building is creditable to the congregation and to him. Our Board has taken the following action:

The Mission is recognized as a Mission of the South Carolina Synod. The Missionary is employed by that Synod, and is amenable to it. Our relation to it is defined by our own action only.

2. The Board donated $25.00 quarterly to Rev. E. E. Barclay, Missionary at Augusta; and $125.00 have been paid accordingly.

3. The Secretary visited Augusta and thoroughly examined the whole situation. At his recommendation we resolved to comply with the directions of the United Synod.

4. The Board resolved to try, with God's help, to raise $2500, to be paid towards the building of the church at Augusta. Plan and specifications for that building having been submitted to us, and also a contractor's bid to complete it for $5272, and arrangements having been made by which, while this Board promises to do its utmost to collect $2500, no liability whatever can come upon us, and a lien to the full amount of our contribution having been given and recorded, which lien shall be in force if from unforeseen circumstances the congregation should be disbanded or should sever its connection with the United Synod, and the congregation at Augusta having confirmed all the particulars of this agreement, the Board has contributed up to this date $1500 to the Augusta Mission. $300 are in the treasury of the Board for this purpose. Consequently, there remains to be paid, in order that our promise may be fulfilled, the amount of $700.

The report of our Treasurer, herewith submitted, will show that $2144.22 have been contributed for this purpose, and $1869.46 have been expended.

5. Our Secretary visited Knoxville, Tenn., and ascertained that an English Lutheran congregation might be organized there, in the territory of the Holston Synod.

6. Several communications were received by the Board, asking its attention to towns of Florida, where it was thought missions might be begun.

7. Resolutions of the Georgia Synod, calling attention to Atlanta, Birmingham, and other important points, were communicated to the Board at its last session, and will receive its attention.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. At the time of the appointment of this Board, Rev. W. P. Swartz was our Foreign Missionary at Guntur, India. He had been in the employ of the General Synod for more than a year, and he had been in the field in India since October, 1885. The United Synod resolved *that the support of Rev. W. P. Swartz, our Missionary to Guntur, India, be continued, and arrangements be made therefor*, and also *directed* the Board of Missions *to pledge this body to the continued support of Rev. W. P. Swartz, our Missionary to India.* There was a balance of $668.21 in the Foreign Mission treasury, and we were directed to call for increased offerings to this cause, so that we might be enabled to send a second missionary to the field.

It was resolved at our first meeting to request our Missionary to report to the Board every quarter. At our second meeting, April 27th, 1887, Mr. Swartz himself was present. It appeared that Mr. Swartz found the mission at Guntur disturbed by dissensions between two of the missionaries, and was discouraged by being put into a station where his ignorance of the language and complications over which he had no control, made his zeal seem fruitless. After vain endeavors on his part to arrange the matter in dispute, he wrote to our Board that he was about to sail to America, and started without waiting for an answer. Mr. Swartz stated that he had been sent by the *India Conference* to represent them before the Board of the General Synod; but added that, since his return to this country, filial duties and matters of private concern would oblige him to remain here longer than he had intended. The evident effects of the climate upon him, and the dismal story of the discouragements he had met, moved the sympathy of the Board, and, pending further information which might be expected from the Board of the General Synod, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That we approve of Bro. Swartz's return to America, and that all further action in the matter be postponed for the present.

Resolved, That the salary of Bro. Swartz be continued until he shall have obtained temporary employment, provided that such time do not exceed the space of three months.

It is unfortunate that so much of the interest taken by our churches in Foreign Missions, should have been due to the sympathy with him

awakened by Mr. Swartz's preliminary tour. As time went on, it became evident that he had little intention of going out again, and the Board began to realize that further steps must be taken. On August 31st, however, the situation was relieved by Mr. Swartz's voluntary resignation, which the Board has accepted. We regret that it was accompanied by the statement that he was considering overtures from a Presbyterian congregation.

2. The Board regarded the *Guntur Mission News*, printed in India, under the management of the Missionary, as a valuable means of increasing interest in the work, and contributions to its support. We early directed that copies should be sent to the congregations of the Tennessee and Holston Synods, and furnished lists for that purpose. In April last, a draft for $132.15, covering the expenses of publication and distribution up to that date, was ordered to be paid. Inasmuch, however, as our Missionary has withdrawn from that station, it has seemed good to us to incur no further expense in this regard; and September 12th, the Secretary was directed to notify the Board of the General Synod that we will be responsible for no issues after that date. There must still be a balance due, which should be met from our treasury.

3. The Board was advised to call a second Missionary. It was found that a lady had volunteered for this work, had passed her examination, and had been accepted by the former Board. A correspondence was opened with her, and the advice of our Missionary in India was asked. He strongly advised against sending out a lady at that time, and also suggested that we postpone sending any one until the next year. The matter was therefore dropped. The lady in question has been guided to another work of mercy in our church.

4. The Board of the General Synod having proposed to send circulars into our congregations, asking contributions to a bungalow, a memorial to Rev. John Nichols, who had died in India, we represented to them that such direct solicitation would interfere with our work, and instead appropriated $50.00 from our treasury for the memorial.

5. In April last, after hearing the verbal report of Missionary Swartz, the Board resolved *that the officers of the Board be requested to obtain all desirable information in regard to establishing a Mission work of its own at some new point, and that they report the result of their investigation to this Board at its next meeting.*

Accordingly, our Secretary has made diligent inquiry, the results of which may be summarized as follows: Japan offers peculiar advantages for such an undertaking. An interest in Christianity as the mainspring of civilization is spread throughout the empire. No obstacle is put in the way of missionaries; they are welcomed. Yet there

are no more than 50,000 Christians among the millions of Japan. Canadian Methodists and Methodists of our own country, Presbyterians and Episcopalians, and the American Board have missionaries there; but there are not any Lutheran missionaries. It will cost no more to send a missionary to Japan than it costs to send one to India, nor will his annual expenses there be greater. And there need be no long delay before his work may begin.

6. $1960.35 have been contributed to Foreign Missions during our term of office. $1114.18 have been expended. We have in the treasury a balance of $1500.

III. ORGANIZATION.

The Foreign Mission work having been begun by our predecessors, we found little to do but receive, care for, and expend the money. Mr. Swartz had organized Women's Missionary Societies, which have maintained their interest in the work and given the bulk of the money. It will appear from the Treasurer's report that out of $1960.35 received for our work, $858.24 were given by these societies. Your Board would respectfully submit, that this not only shows how valuable the co-operation of these societies is, but also how deeply our women sympathize with the work of Foreign Missions; and makes it our duty to persist in it in spite of all discouragements. Some inconvenience results from the fact that these societies are very much under the influence of the General Organization of the Women's Societies of the General Synod. If we are to attempt and accomplish a great work, we must have the entire co-operation of all in all our churches. Our Women's Societies in each of the Synods should send quarterly reports to this Board, and find their general centre in it.

The organization of our *Home Mission* machinery has caused the Board much labor. The Secretary visited the Holston Synod twice; the Southwest Virginia and Tennessee Synods at their last conventions; several members of the Board were present at the South Carolina Synod; Dr. Bowman represented us at the Georgia Synod; and letters have been written to the Presidents of all the Synods. We did not receive the assistance from the Advisory Boards, appointed by the various Synods, which we might have expected. We tried to secure reports from the Women's Societies, and to arouse their interest in the home work. It will appear that out of $2144.12 contributed, $788.22 have come from this source. We have distributed a quarterly, called the *Home Mission News*, which is intended to carry information about our work into every family. 9,000 copies are issued quarterly. If it were paid for by all who receive it at its low price of 25 cents *per annum*, it would bring in all we had proposed to raise; but, whether paid for or not, it is sent

to every pastor in sufficient quantity to enable him to give one copy to every family in his congregation. Our little paper seems to be bearing fruit.

The Board wishes to call the attention of the United Synod to the fact, that no steps have yet been taken to insure it an *annual* contribution from every Synod. There seems a probability, indeed, that under existing habits, no more will be paid into our treasury until the district synods begin to meet again.

The report of the Treasurer, with his vouchers, which has been audited and found correct by a committee of this Board, is herewith submitted.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We thank Almighty God for His blessing on our united work during the past months; and we pray that He will open our hearts to perceive our duty in this regard; and that He will work within us both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

2. We endorse the acts of the Board.

3. We put on record our appreciation of the fraternal spirit of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod during the period of our co-operation with them in the work at Guntur.

4. We authorize our Board to take steps to begin a Mission in the Empire of Japan, if upon mature consideration and the best information attainable, the Board deems it best to do so; we authorize them to call, commission, and send out one or more missionaries; we pledge to them our hearty support; we instruct them to take all necessary steps to bring this duty to the consciences of our people.

5. We authorize the Board to apportion and raise in the Synods, belonging to this United Synod, $2,000 *per annum*, for the work of Foreign Missions.

6. We authorize the Board to employ a permanent Secretary, to fix and raise his salary, and to define his duties.

7. We heartily thank the Women's Societies for the work they have done in both Home and Foreign Missions. We hereby ask them so to change the constitutions of their societies, that it may be made the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of each Synodical Society to report to the Secretary of this Board every quarter. We also ask them to concentrate their interest upon the work of our Board.

8. We recommend that the *Home Mission News* be continued, but, if necessary, be extended to become the *Mission News*, embracing the work of both *Home* and *Foreign Missions*. The pastors of our churches are hereby urged to send to the Secretary of the Board, full lists of all

the heads of families and their addresses, that this paper may be sent to them directly through the mail.

9. We direct the Board to complete its pledge to the Mission at Augusta; and immediately upon its completion, to begin a Home Mission at another point.

10. We authorize the Board to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod, $4,000 *per annum*, for the work of Home Missions.

11. We direct the Board to secure a charter, and we authorize them to solicit and receive and hold donations of money and land for this work.

EDWARD T. HORN,
L. K. PROBST,
J. D. CAPPELMANN,
W. S. BOWMAN,
E. A. WINGARD,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
C. M. EFIRD.

In regard to the *first* item of the above report, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we approve this item of the report, but inasmuch as the Board approved Mr. Swartz's return on his statement that he was sent by the India Conference on their own special business, and not with the consent of the Board, this Synod or its Board cannot be held responsible for the expenses of his return to America.

On motion, ministers of our own communion present, not as delegates, were invited to seats as advisory members, and those of other communions, to seats as visitors.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was received and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN D. CAPPELMANN, Treasurer of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

1886.

July 29.	Cash in hands of Dr. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Gen'l Synod's Mission Board	$89	52	
Sep. 17.	From Ebenezer Sunday-school of Columbia, S. C., for Augusta Mission	15	10	
Sep. 17.	From St. John's Sunday-school, Charleston, S. C., for Augusta Mission	10	00	
				$ 114 62
Sep. 18.	From Rev. L. E. Busby, Missionary Cotton Patch	$37	05	
Sep. 18.	Easter Offering Mt. Calvary Church	6	60	
Sep. 18.	From Maj. P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod	24	31	
				$ 67 96
Sep. 18.	From Mrs. Jno. A. Cline, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod, for Augusta . .	$40	93	
Oct. 29.	From Jno. H. Barb, Treas. Virginia Synod, for Augusta Mission	350	00	
Nov. 15.	From Wm. Jennings, Treas. Georgia Synod, for Home Missions	100	00	
				$ 490 93
Dec. 28.	From Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. Ex. Com. W. H. and F. M. Soc., S. C. Synod, for Augusta	$100	00	
Dec. 28.	From Wentworth Street Lutheran Church, Charleston	37	98	
Dec. 28.	From Sunday-school Wentworth St. Luth. Church, Charleston	2	02	
Dec. 29.	From St. James Evang. Luth. Church, Augusta Co., Va., per Dr. R. F. Davis, Sec., etc., for Augusta Mission	2	15	
Dec. 30.	From Mamie E. Crooks, South Carolina. . .		10	
Dec. 30.	From Y. M. C. A., Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia	7	10	

1887.

Jan. 3.	From Mrs. A. L. Robertson, Newberry, S. C., for Augusta, Ga	$ 4 50	
Jan. 3.	From Rev. T. O. Keister, Missionary Pastor at Harrisonburg, Va., for Augusta	6 00	
Jan. 5.	From St. Luke's S. S., Bear Poplar, N. C., Rev. J. D. Shirey, for Augusta	5 80	
Jan. 6.	From Wm. Akard, Treas. Holston Synod	31 00	
Jan. 7.	From R. H. Holland, Treas. Salem, Va., Church, for Augusta, Ga	8 00	
Jan. 7.	From Rev. J. D. Bowles, St. Mark's	6 50	
Jan. 7.	From Rev. J. D. Bowles, Corinth	6 80	
Jan. 8.	From Jno. Smith, Brandonville charge	3 00	
Jan. 10.	From R. B. Grice, Treas. St. Barnabas S. S., Charleston, for Augusta, Ga	17 00	
			$ 237 95
Jan. 10.	From G. M. Beltzhoover, Supt. S. S., Shepherdstown, W. Va	$10 00	
Jan. 12.	From H. A. Meetze, St. Stephen's S. S., Lexington, S. C	3 25	
Jan. 12.	From H. A. Meetze, St. Stephen's Church, Lexington, S. C	12 90	
			$ 26 15
Jan. 20.	From Rev. J. D. Bowles, Macedonia, Lexington Co., for Augusta, Ga	$ 3 70	
Jan. 20.	From Rev. D. M. Gilbert, Winchester congregation	12 00	
	Subscriptions Thos. J. Cooper and Miss Fannie E. Brown to H. M. N.	50	
Jan. 22.	From Rev. H. S. Wingard, Springfield, Ga., for Augusta, Ga	1 70	
Jan. 22.	From Rev. H. S. Wingard, subscriptions to H. M. News for J. J. Mallory, A. M. Morgan, J. C. Sherouse, L. Biddenback, and H. S. Wingard	1 25	
Jan. 22.	From E. Sickenger, Guyton, Ga	25	
Jan. 22.	From Mrs. J. F. Kiser, Selwood, Lexington Co., S. C.	25	
Jan. 22.	From Mrs. Thos. Holloway, Pomaria, S. C.,	1 00	
Jan. 22.	From J. B. O'N. Holloway, Pomaria, S. C.	1 00	
Jan. 22.	From Rev. E. T. Horn, subs. to H. M. News	2 00	
			$ 23 65

Jan. 22.	From Rev. E. T. Horn, subs. to H. M. News, from church	$40 10	
Jan. 24.	From Rev. J. K. Efird, Rightwell, S. C.	3 00	
Jan. 27.	From Holy Trinity Sunday-school, Staunton, Va., for Augusta, Ga., per Rev. V. R. Stickley	2 35	
Jan. 27.	From R. T. C. Hunter, subs. to H. M. N., Prosperity, S. C.	25	
Feb. 1.	From J. A. Bedenbaugh, subs. to H. M. N., Prosperity, S. C.	25	
Feb. 1.	From St. John's, Charleston, Ladies' Society,	15 00	
Feb. 1.	From Mrs. J. Griggs, subs. to H. M. News	50	
Feb. 1.	From Mrs. Mary Rahn, Guyton, Ga., per H. S. W.	5 00	
Feb. 1.	From Rev. E. T. Horn, subs. to H. M. News,	50	
			$ 66 95
Feb. 8.	From J. K. Efird, Treas. T. S., (Rev. A. L. Crouse' charge) at Rightwell, S. C.	$ 7 77	
Feb. 8.	From J. K. Efird for Mission work	3 00	
Feb. 9.	From St. John's Sunday-school, Charleston,	10 00	
Feb. 16.	From Rev. J. C. Brodfuhrer, from St. John's Luth. Church, Walhalla, S. C., for Augusta, Ga	10 00	
Feb. 16.	From Ebenezer S. S., Rowan Co., N. C.	1 00	
Feb. 16.	From Rev. W. S. Bowman, for Atlanta, Ga., being principal and interest of a donation made by Mrs. S. E. B. Meyers, of Redding, Shasta Co., California.	22 50	
Feb. 16.	From Mrs. Goebel, of Savannah Church	25 00	
Feb. 22.	From Wm. P. Caldwell, Sinking Creek, Va.,	1 00	
Feb. 22.	From Mrs. R. A. Price	10	
Feb. 22.	From Peter Kessler	10	
Feb. 23.	From Rev. S. S. Rahn, Providence Church, Lexington, S. C.	2 20	
Feb. 23.	From Rev. S. S. Rahn, St. John's Church, Lexington, S. C.	2 00	
Feb. 28.	From Rev. J. M. Shreckhise, Middlebrook, Virginia	2 00	
Feb. 28.	From Mr. Marvel Ritchie, Copal Grove, N. C.	1 00	
Feb. 28.	From St. John's S. S., Charleston	25	
			$ 87 92

Feb. 28.	From Rev. G. U. Wenner, New York, for Home Missions	$ 5 00		
Mar. 1.	From St. John's S. S., Charleston, S. C.	10 00		
Mar. 7.	From St. Johannes, Charleston, S. C.	3 00		
Mar. 7.	From Rev. A. D. L. Moser, N. C. Synod	1 00		
Mar. 7.	From Wentworth Street Lutheran Church, Charleston	6 30		
Mar. 7.	From earthquake sand, sale of	1 75		
Mar. 7.	From Rev. I. P. Hawkins, Bridgewater, Va.	1 00		
Mar. 7.	From Mrs. M. A. E. Ritchie, Copal Grove, N. C.	25		
Mar. 7.	From Companions in Christian Work, St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C.	15 00		
			$	43 30
Mar. 7.	From Subs. to H. M. N., Rev. Horn	$ 50		
Mar. 30.	From Rev. J. H. Summit, Morristown, Tenn	1 00		
Mar. 30.	From A. G. Voigt, Newberry, S. C.	1 00		
Mar. 30.	From Subs. to H. M. N., St. John's, Charleston, S. C.	50		
Apr. 11.	From Subs. to H. M. N., St. John's, Charleston, S. C.	1 00		
Apr. 11.	From Sewing Society Wentworth St. Luth. Church, Charleston, S. C.	25 00		
Apr. 11.	From Rev. Huddle, S. W. Va. Synod.	8 00		
Apr. 14.	From Rev. J. D. Shirey's ch., Bear Poplar, N. C.	3 82		
			$	40 82
Apr. 14.	From Rev. J. D. Shirey, subs. to H. M. N.	$ 50		
Apr. 15.	From Children's Miss. Soc., S. C. Synod.	6 85		
Apr. 17.	From J. C. Sherouse, Springfield, Ga., per Rev. H. S. Wingard	1 00		
Apr. 17.	From Infant Class, St. John's, Charleston	7 00		
Apr. 23.	From O. R. J. Keister, Cowan Mills, Montgomery Co., Va., subs. to H. M. News, per W. E. Hubbert	25		
	For Augusta Mission	25		
Apr. 25.	From W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod, per Mrs. Jno. A. Cline	78 93		
			$	94 78
Apr. 27.	From W. H. and F. M. Soc., Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Dr. W. S. Bowman	$20 00		

Apr. 27.	From Mt. Pleasant ch., Eberhard, S. C., per Rev. E. A. Wingard.	$10 00		
Apr. 27.	From Mrs. S., Gaffney City, S. C.	50		
			$	30 50
			$1325	53

DISBURSEMENTS.

1886.				
July 31.	Paid Rev. E. E. Barclay, at Augusta, Ga . .	$25 00		
Aug. 31.	Paid one-half expenses of Secretary Probst to Holston and Tennessee Synods	16 22		
Dec. 9.	Paid Sec'y Probst's bill of M. & M., engraving for Missionary paper	26 00		
Dec. 9.	Paid same for expressage	1 85		
			$	69 07
Nov. 29.	Paid C. M. Efird and H. A. Meetze, one-half expenses attending July meeting of Board	$ 8 70		
Nov. 18.	Paid Lucas & Richardson, printing Home Mission News, mailing, &c.	46 65		
Nov. 18.	Paid Sec'y Probst, postage, &c., H. M. N. .	3 32		
Nov. 23.	Paid E. E. Barclay, Missionary at Augusta to Dec. 30, '86	25 00		
			$	83 67
1887.				
Feb. 1.	Paid postals and printing	$ 2 25		
Feb. 22.	Paid for cut for Home Mission News	5 00		
			$	7 25
1887.				
Mar. 19.	Paid Lucas & Richardson for publishing Home Mission News	$49 84		
Apr. 4.	Paid Rev. E. E. Barclay, per order.	25 00		
Apr. 4.	Paid Expense Post Money Order.	15		
			$	74 99
Apr. 27.	Balance in hand to this date, as reported to meeting of Board.		$ 1090	55
			$1325	53

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

Apr. 27.	*Balance on hand as above reported*			$ 1090 55
May 4.	From St. Peter's, (Meetze's) Lexington, S. C.	$7 55		
May 4.	From Emmanuel ch., Rev. J. A. Cromer, S. C.	1 40		
May 6.	From Rev. J. W. Smith, Brandonville ch., Princeton Mills, W. Va.	2 00		
May 10.	From Grace Ev. Luth. Church, Prosperity, S. C., per A. H. Wheeler, Treas.	11 00		
May 10.	From St. John's S. S., Charleston, S. C. . .	10 00		
May 10.	From Members of St. John's congregation, Charleston, S. C.	1 32		
May 11.	From Union ch., Rowan Co., N. C., per Rev. J. W. Strickler, pastor, for Augusta . . .	10 00		
May 21.	From Rev. I. P. Hawkins, Bridgewater, Va.	1 00		
May 27.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Ex. Comm. W. H. and F. M. S., Virginia Synod. . . .	30 91		
			$	75 18
May 28.	From St. Thomas ch., Lexington, Tenn. Synod	$3 63		
May 28.	From Bethlehem ch., " " "	3 75		
May 28.	From St. John's ch., " " "	5 20		
May 28.	From Rev. A. L. Crouse, 4 subs. to H. M. N.	1 00		
May 28.	" from Jonathan Koiner,	10		
June 13.	" from his Sunday-school	2 67		
June 13.	" from Church.	4 55		
June 20.	From W. H. and F. M. S., St. John's church, Rev. J. K. Efird's ch., Pomaria, S. C. . .	12 00		
			$	32 90
June 22.	From Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, from Price Grove congregation.	$ 4 24		
	Trinity.	3 06		
	Subscriptions.	2 00		
			$	9 30
July 12.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Ex. Comm. W. H. and F. M. S., Virginia Synod. . . .	$30 00		
July 12.	From P. O. Box 114, Salem, Va	1 50		
July 27.	From E. L. Lybrand's charge, per J. K. Efird, Treasurer.	20 00		
Aug. 6.	From Women's Missionary Society St. Peter's ch., Rev. J. K. Efird	10 00		
			$	61 50
Aug. 6.	From Mrs. A. Goebel, W. H. and F. M. S., Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga .	$22 00		
			$	22 00

Aug. 6.	From Subs. H. M. N., St. John's, Charleston.	$ 1 75		
Aug. 12.	From St. John's.	1 00		
Aug. 16.	From St. Peter's (P. W.) Sunday-school, per J. K. Efird, Treas.	3 83		
Aug. 16.	From St. Peter's (P. W.) congregation, per J. K. Efird, Treas.	5 75		
Aug. 16.	From St. Peter's (P. W.) W. M. Society, per J. K. Efird, Treas.	50		
Aug. 16.	From St. John's, Charleston, subscription.	1 75		
Aug. 24.	From Surplus Lutheran Sunday-school Convention, Lexington, S. C.	7 25		
Aug. 24.	From T. F. Leach, Treasurer Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod	95 50		
			$	117 33
Aug. 25.	From Dr. H. H. Haas, Hollins, Roanoke Co., Va., subs. to H. M. News.	$ 25		
Aug. 25.	From Mites, Roanoke Co., Va.	45		
Sept. 1.	From Salem ch., Bear Poplar, N. C., Rev. J. D. Shirey	4 08		
Sept. 1.	From St. Luke's, Rev. J. D. Shirey.	4 07		
Sept. 1.	From Grace, Rev. J. D. Shirey.	3 35		
			$	12 20
Sept. 5.	From St. John's, Charleston, S. C.	$ 2 00		
Oct. 3.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., Va. Synod, for Augusta.	20 00		
			$	22 00
Oct. 3.	From Mrs. P. L. Terry, Treas. Synodical Soc. S. W. Va. Synod, Roanoke, Va., for Augusta, Ga.	$187 00		
Sep. 20.	And Balance of her remittance appropriated to Home Missions.	58 45		
Oct. 7.	From St. John's S. S., Charleston, S. C.	50 00		
Oct. 7.	From St. John's, subscriptions.	25		
			$	295 70
Nov. 8.	From Women's Society, S. C. Synod.	$200 00		
Nov. 8.	From Rev. J. Q. Wertz, subs. to H. M. News	2 50		
Nov. 8.	From Rev. J. S. Berley, Lexington Co., S. C.	35 00		
Nov. 8.	From Rev. C. P. Boozer, H. M. News subs.	2 50		
			$	240 00

Nov. 8.	From Rev. M. L. Little, Gaston, St. Mark's and St. John's	$20 00	20 00
			$1998 66

DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED.

1887.			
Apr. 29.	Paid Exchange—Mrs. J. A. Cline's drf.	$ 25	
May 28.	Paid Exchange.	10	
June 30.	Paid Rev. E. E. Barclay.	25 00	
June 30.	Paid Exchange.	10	
			$ 25 45
July 22.	Paid Augusta Mission	$1000 00	
July 15.	Paid Lucas & Richardson for printing Home Mission News	43 48	
			$1043 48
Sep. 5.	Paid Rev. E. E. Barclay	$25 00	
Sep. 15.	Paid exp. of Sec'y Probst to visiting Synods	40 00	
Sep. 13.	Paid Augusta Mission	250 00	
Sep. 24.	Paid Exchange	55	
Sep. 24.	Paid Augusta Mission	250 00	
			$ 565 55
Nov. 21.	Balance on hand		364 18
			$1998 66

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as reported above		$364 18	
1887.			
Nov. 25.	Received at United Synod from W. H. and F. M. Society, Buehler's ch., Tenn., per Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.	9 00	
	Total receipts on hand		$373 18

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN D. CAPPELMANN, Treasurer of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

1886.				
July 29.	Cash from Dr. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. General Synod's Mission Board			$ 668 21
Sep. 30.	From J. H. Barb, Treas. Va. Synod	$278 62		
Oct. 2.	From P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod	20 00		
			$ 298 62	
Oct. 10.	From Mrs. S. A. Goebel, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., Savannah, Ga.	$16 55		
Oct. 10.	From Mrs. John A. Cline, Treas. Ex. Comm. W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod	29 85		
Oct. 10.	From Misses A. and E. Rinker, Keezletown, Virginia	10 00		
Oct. 10.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Ex. Comm. W. H. and F. M. Soc., Va. Synod	30 00		
			$ 86 40	
Oct. 18.	From St. Barnabas, Charleston, S. C.	$ 8 00		
Oct. 18.	From P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod	10 55		
			$ 18 55	
Oct. 18.	From Mrs. John A. Cline, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod, from State Luth. Miss. Soc.	$86 82		
Oct. 27.	From Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., S. C. Synod	200 00		
Oct. 29.	From John H. Barb, Treas. Va. Synod	51 55		
			$ 338 37	
Nov. 5.	From Mrs. P. L. Terry, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., S. W. Va. Synod, as follows:			
	Muhlenberg Mission, for Prayer House	$20 86		
	Extra amount for Prayer House, India, raised by Salem Society	20 00		
	For Missions, India	26 50		
	For Hospital, India	7 10		
	For Bibles for S. S., India	46		
	For Foreign Missions	118 68		
			$ 193 60	
1887.				
Jan. 6.	From Wm. Akard, Treas. Holston Synod	$31 00		

Jan. 13.	From W. K. Roberts, Treas. Savannah S. S.	38 91	
Jan. 13.	From W. A. Dasher, Marlow, Eff. Co., Ga., Treas. Zion S. S	7 38	
			$ 77 29
Jan. 13.	From Hugh K. Green, Winchester, Va., Treas. Grace ch. S. S.	$13 00	
Jan. 13.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas., &c.	4 26	
			$ 17 26
Jan. 14.	From Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod.	$34 09	
Feb. 9.	From St. John's S. S., Charleston	10 00	
Feb. 16.	From Mrs. Goebel, for ladies of Church of Ascension, Savannah, Ga.	25 00	
			$ 69 09
Mar. 12.	From C. E. Freyermuth, Treas. ch. F. M. Soc., Bethel ch., Springfield, Ga.	$15 75	
Mar. 30.	From St. John's, Charleston, Miss Blum's class	5 00	
Apr. 2.	From St. John's, Charleston, Sunday-school	10 00	
Apr. 4.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Va. Synod	25 00	
			$ 55 75
Apr. 12.	From Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. S. C. Synod, from Mrs. M. E. Rawel, for life membership in W. H. and F. M. Soc.	$10 00	
Apr. 18.	From Infant Class St. John S. S.	5 00	
Apr. 21.	From Maj. P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod.	25 00	
Apr. 25.	From W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod, per Mrs. John A. Cline.	61 07	
			$ 101 07
Apr. 27.	From W. H. and F. M. Soc. of the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, per Rev. W. S. Bowman, pastor	$10 00	
			$ 10 00
			$1934 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

1886.			
Aug. 31.	Paid Sec'y Probst, Stationery	$ 4 70	
Aug. 31.	Paid Sec'y Probst, one-half traveling expenses to Tenn. and Holston Synods.	16 23	
Sep. 13.	Paid Oliver F. Lantz, Treas., per salary W. P. Swartz, Missionary.	250 00	
			$ 270 93
Oct. 29.	Paid Exchange on drafts	$ 1 00	

Nov. 29.	Paid C. M. Efird and H. A. Meetze, one-half expenses attending Board meeting, July, '86	8 70	
			$ 9 70
1887.			
Jan. .	Paid Exchange—Mrs. Cline's draft.	$ 35	
Mar. 1.	Paid O. F. Lantz, Rev. Swartz' salary. . . .	250 00	
Mar. 1.	Paid Exchange on same.	30	
			$ 250 65
Apr. 27.	Balance on hand as this day reported at meeting of Board.		$ 1402 93
			$1934 21

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

	Balance on hand as above reported.		$1402 93
May 13.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Ex. Comm. W. H. and F. M. Soc., Va. Synod.	$88 77	
May 16.	From A. N. Kreffer, Springfield, Ga., Treas. Child's F. M. Soc., Jerusalem ch.	13 13	
May 27.	From no name, Salem, Va., per Dr. Gilbert	2 50	
July 12.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. Ex. Comm. W. H. and F. M. Soc., Va. Synod	3 58	
July 12.	From P. O. Box 114, Salem, Va.	1 50	
July 27.	From E. L. Lybrand's charge, per J. K. Efird, Treas.	5 00	
Aug. 6.	From Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod.	37 55	
Sep. 13.	From Rev. J. S. Moser, for pupil in India. . .	25 00	
Oct. 3.	From Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., Va. Synod, for Missions. . . .	3 02	
Sep. 27.	From Mrs. P. L. Terry, Roanoke, Va., Treas. Synodical Society S. W. Va. Synod, for Muhlenberg Mission	12 75	
			$ 192 80
Sep. 27.	For Prayer House in India.	$20 00	
Sep. 27.	For Hospital in India	10 95	
Sep. 27.	For Support of 2 students at Guntur for 1 year	50 00	
Sep. 27.	For Support of Rev. Swartz by Children's Missionary Society.	23 50	
Oct. 15.	From W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod, per Mrs. John A. Cline, Treas.	41 70	
Oct. 21.	From John H. Barb, Treas. Va. Synod . . .	318 60	
Nov. 8.	From Women's Society S. C. Synod.	27 30	

Nov. 8.	From Grace Church, Prosperity, Children's S. C. Society.	9 50	
			$ 501 55
			$2097 28

DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED.

1887.			
Apr. 27.	Paid H. A. Meetze, expenses attending session of Board.	$ 6 10	
Apr. 27.	Paid C. M. Efird, same.	6 10	
Apr. 27.	Paid Dr. W. S. Bowman, same.	4 00	
Apr. 27.	Paid Rev. E. A. Wingard, same	3 00	
			$ 19 20
Apr. 28.	Paid Rev. Wm. P. Swartz, attending Board meeting, expenses.	$50 00	
Apr. 29.	Paid Expenses collecting Mrs. Cline's drf. .	25	
May 5.	Paid Rev. Geo. Scholl for Nichols Memorial Bungalow.	50 00	
			$ 100 25
May 12.	Paid Oliver F. Lantz, Treas., expenses pub. and dis. Guntur Mission News. . . .	$132 15	
May 12.	Paid Exchange on draft for same. . . .	$ 33	
Sep. 17.	Paid Exchange on draft—Rev. J. S. Moser. .	25	
Sep. 27.	Paid Exchange on draft—Mrs. P. L. Terry .	1 00	
Oct. 15.	Paid Exchange on draft—Mrs. J. A. Cline, Tr.	10	
			$ 133 83
Oct. 17.	Paid—Remitted O. F. Lantz, Treasurer, N. Board, following special contributions :		
	Muhlenberg Mission.	$20 86	
	Prayer House, India.	20 00	
	Hospital, India.	7 10	
	Bibles for S. S., India.	46	
	Muhlenberg Mission	12 75	
	Prayer House, India	20 00	
	Hospital, India	10 95	
	For support of 2 students at Guntur 1 year .	50 00	
Nov. .	Paid Rev. Swartz' balance of salary to Mr. O. F. Lantz, Treas.	187 50	
			$ 329 62
Nov. 21.	Balance on hand.		$1514 38
			$2097 28

Nov. 21. Balance on hand as above reported. . . $1514 38

On motion, Rev. W. A. Julian was excused after to-day, provided his alternate, Rev. J. Austin, take his place.

Pending the consideration of the report of the Board of Missions, Synod adjourned to meet to-night at the close of divine service. Prayer with Rev. J. K. Efird.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Rev. L. G. M. Miller led in prayer. Roll call and reading of minutes were deferred. The consideration of the report of the Board of Missions was resumed. Pending the consideration of this report, Synod adjourned till tomorrow morning.—Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod met and engaged in the opening service led by Rev. J. E. Bushnell. The roll was called, minutes read and approved.

An invitation from the President of the Young Men's Christian Association in the city to the delegates of this body, to visit their rooms, was read, and the invitation thankfully accepted.

The report of the Board of Missions was adopted as a whole. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South are due, and are hereby tendered Capt. Daniel G. Purse, President of the Savannah and Tybee Railroad, (and other officers of said road) for the complimentary trip given us over his road to the historic and beautiful Tybee Island, in the Atlantic

ocean, near the city of Savannah, thus affording us all great pleasure and enabling some of us to realize a desire long cherished, to see the mighty deep.

Resolved, That the Secretary be required to send a copy of this resolution to Capt. Purse, and also to the editors of the city papers, with a request that they publish it in their respective papers.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., chairman, read the report of the Committee on Common Service, which was considered by items and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON SERVICE.

The Committee on Common Service Book beg leave to report, that the Order of Service, adopted at the last convention of the United Synod, having been adopted by the General Synod and the General Council, the Sub-Committee (Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., Chairman, Rev. G. U. Wenner, and Rev. Edward T. Horn, Secretary), met at Pottstown, Pa., Aug. 31st—Sept. 3d, 1886, and again Nov. 2d—5th, 1886, to complete the work. The text was settled, the principles which were to govern the rubrics were ascertained, and the whole manuscript was then referred to the three committees for review. The Service was adopted by all three committees, but several points in it were objected to; and the whole joint committee met to consider these at Philadelphia, March 22d—23d, 1887. These points were then settled, the translations suggested by the Sub-Committee were revised, and the final editing and publication of the Service was entrusted to the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee met again in New York, June 30th—July 8th, 1887, and completed the manuscript. It was agreed that each of the General Bodies may publish its own edition, the work of the Joint Committee being included in each book under the title, *The Common Service, for the use of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations.* The copyright of the Common Service has been taken out by the Sub-Committee in trust for the three General Bodies, which, together, have secured it.

We wish to record our profound thanks to Almighty God, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the abundant blessing He has given to this great work. We are thankful that we have been called to it, and that it has reached a successful conclusion. The studies and consultations of the committees have been instructive; differences of opinion which seemed to threaten the work, either yielded to better knowledge or were conceded in a brotherly spirit; and we have been brought to agreement in a service which is historical, Lutheran, Evangelical, Catholic, and Scriptural in every sense.

It having been found that on one point, the relative position of the Lord's Prayer and the Words of Institution in the Holy Supper, the committee of the General Synod could not agree with what both the committee of the General Council and our committee regarded as the historical Lutheran arrangement, this difference between their book and ours was conceded, the hope being cherished that use will finally bring us to uniformity in this particular. The General Synod committee also conceded to the General Council and to us the use of the *Nunc Dimittis* in the communion service. And it was formally agreed that while the rubrics be retained, each General Body is allowed to indicate the substance of them in its own way.

Your committee, having been instructed to publish this Service as soon as it was completed, on August 29, 1887, entered into a formal contract for its publication with Mr. W. J. Duffie, of Columbia, S. C., the publisher of the *Book of Worship*. He agrees to publish the Common Service in the two sizes of the Book of Worship, to insert it in that book in place of the present service, and to sell it separately. He is to bear all expenses of publication, advertisement and sale, and is to pay this body *eight cents* per copy on each Book of Worship sold, and *five per cent.* on all sales of the separate Common Service. Provision is also made for future revisions of other parts of the Book of Worship. Ten years after October 1, 1887, he or his heirs or assigns is bound to deliver to this body all plates and copyright of the Book of Worship, and all appurtenances thereto belonging, on the payment of five dollars by this body.

In pursuance of this agreement, the committee and Mr. Duffie have done their utmost to secure the publication of the Common Service before the meeting of the United Synod; but it has been found that a concern for perfect accuracy demanded so many revisions of proof that up to date —— pages have been completed. Proofs are herewith submitted to your inspection; and we assure the Synod that in a short time the book will be on sale.

Your committee was also instructed to ask the other General Bodies with which we have been so happily associated in this work, to unite with us in securing a common *Order of Ministerial Acts*, and a common *Selection of Hymns*. To this proposal both bodies have assented; the General Council making as its condition the observance of the same rule that has governed the agreement on the *Service*. Your committee respectfully ask to be continued, with instructions to consult with the other committees on this subject; it being evident to us, that the *Orders for Ministerial Acts* involve questions which should not be settled hastily, and should be thoroughly discussed in our Synods and congregations before they shall be fixed in our book.

The insertion of the Common Service in the Book of Worship makes a repaging of the book necessary, and also requires the omission of pages 82½–87 and 137–149. The committee has therefore given the following directions, which we hope will be approved by the Synod :— The *Passion History*, printed in solid paragraphs, is to be inserted immediately after the Common Service, and before the *Ministerial Acts*. In the Order for *Baptism of Infants*, the first questions are so arranged that the sponsors or parents answer them in the name of the child. In the Order for the *Burial of the Dead*, the first text on page 127 is to be omitted, and Rev. 14, 13 is inserted as a third text ; the rubrics allow the use of any appropriate Psalm, as well as of Psalms 39 and 90 ; and again on page 130, *nine* portions of Holy Scripture are indicated, which may be used with or instead of the selection from 1 Cor. 15, which is somewhat shortened ; on page 133, four or five short prayers are substituted, with the permission to use any other suitable prayers ; and the prayer on page 135 is omitted.

Your committee is of opinion also, that inasmuch as all this matter has to be reset, the Augsburg Confession and the Small Catechism ought to be given completely as found in the *Book of Concord* and confessed by this body, and they have so instructed the printer. They have also directed that the constitution of the United Synod be printed at the end of the book, instead of the former constitution of the General Synod.

Your committee has not revised the Prayers for the Use of Families, pages 571–650. We believe they are a useful part of the book, but that they will bear revision ; and we are ready to obey your instructions with reference to them.

In reference to a common *Selection of Hymns*, the same is to be said as with reference to a common *Order of Ministerial Acts*. Your committee considered the advisability of asking the General Council to allow us the use on just terms of the Hymnal of the Church Book, which is already in use in congregations of the Tennessee and Holston Synods ; but the committee being divided on the subject, it was dropped. The arrangement of a Hymnal presents difficulties of a peculiar character.

The General Council, at its convention in Chicago, October, 1886, resolved that the Joint Committee of the three General Bodies, which have united in the preparation of the Common Service Book, be requested to prepare as perfect a translation as possible of the Small Catechism of Luther and of the Augsburg Confession ; and that they be urged to invite the co-operation in this work of such other Lutheran bodies in this country as use the English language. This proposition was formally approved by the Joint Committee at its meeting last spring, and

has since been approved by the General Synod. We recommend its approval by this body, and ask that several competent scholars be added to our committee to assist in this work.

Your committee must refer with sorrow to the fact, that, since its appointment, it has suffered the loss of three such members as Rev. Drs. Repass, Dosh, and Gilbert. We must also acknowledge our obligation to Rev. Dr. Schmucker and to Rev. G. U. Wenner, who, in addition to their work on the Sub-Committee, have kindly helped in the revision of the proofs of our own edition of the Common Service Book.

We respectfully ask :

1. That you approve what we have done, and authorize us to continue on the lines indicated.

2. That our ministers be urged to seek an acquaintance with the liturgical principles which are illustrated in the Service of our Church ; and that all the pastors of our Churches, teachers in Sunday-schools, and Faculties of our Colleges and Seminaries, be requested to endeavor to secure for the Common Service such an intelligent use by their pupils, as shall be to the edification of the Church.

EDWARD T. HORN,
J. S. KOINER.

It was ordered that the committee be permitted to prefix the proposed Preface to the Common Service. The revision of the "Prayers for the Use of Families" was referred to the committee.

Rev. E. A. Wingard, chairman, read the report of Committee on Theological Seminary, which was received and held for consideration Monday morning.

Mr. D. B. Strouse, J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., and Dr. J. W. Eargle were excused from further attendance. Rev. J. Austin was excused for this afternoon. Synod adjourned to meet at 3.30 P. M. Prayer with Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met and was opened by prayer with Rev. S. T. Hallman. The minutes were read and approved. The vote on postponing the consideration of the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was reconsidered, and the report immediately taken up and considered. The hours for Monday's session were fixed at 9 A. M. to 1.30 P. M., and 3.30 P. M. Synod adjourned to Monday morning, and was closed with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod was opened with divine service conducted by Rev. J. K. Efird. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved. Synod resumed the consideration of the Report of the Seminary Committee. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee would most earnestly urge that your body should, at its present session, seriously consider the advisability of establishing a General Theological Seminary. We recommend this.

1. Because several of our District Synods, in the exercise of the right of petition, have concurred in urging upon you such action.

2. Because it is an abnormal condition for a church in a settled state to be dependent upon outside resources for means of education.

3. Because a seminary in our own midst would develop a greater interest in the matter of a supply of ministers from within the congregations themselves.

4. Because our present arrangement, under which some are educated at Philadelphia, some at Gettysburg, some at Conover, and some at Newberry, cannot result otherwise than in a ministry constantly becoming more unlike in certain things, and impairing practical unity—and, besides, such a seminary would send out men more truly of one

mind and spirit, more surely in sympathy in the common work before them, and possessing in a greater degree an important adaptation for their field of labor.

For these reasons, if a way can be opened for the support of theological professors and for the securing of a suitable location, we recommend that your body take such action as in your judgment may be deemed best to establish a general Theological Seminary, provided also that this Seminary have the full support and sympathy of the entire Church.

E. A. WINGARD,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. A. SNYDER,
T. S. BROWN,
P. N. HEILIG.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on the feasibility of establishing a theological seminary now.

COMMITTEE—Rev. J. D. Shirey, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, G. B. Cromer, Esq., Rev. V. R. Stickley, Rev. J. K. Hancher, Rev. J. L. Derrick, Rev. J. S. Elmore, Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Literary Institutions, which was received and considered by items. The item referring to Staunton Female Seminary was amended, adopted, and a committee appointed to report at the next meeting of the United Synod.

COMMITTEE—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, T. L. Seigle, Esq., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. B. Wheeler, Esq., Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Rev. J. Austin, Rev. J. L. Derrick.

The report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

From the documents placed in the hands of your committee, we gather the following information, which may prove of interest to this body:

1. Roanoke College, Salem, Va., maintains its usual high standard of education, and is accomplishing a work of which the Church may well be proud. Its last catalogue shows that thirteen States and Territories, and Mexico, were represented in the roll of students, and we are reliably informed that it was outnumbered by only two institutions in

Virginia—the State University, with free tuition, and Richmond College, which has a large local patronage from the city of Richmond. Recent bequests to the amount of some $20,000 indicate the deep interest taken in this institution, and give promise of a still greater measure of success in the near future.

2. Newberry College, South Carolina, is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and is doing good work for our Church in the South. It has $10,000 endowment, and a recent bequest of $1,000. A careful examination of the course of instruction given, shows that a high standard of scholarship is maintained, and that this institution is an important factor in the educational work of our Church. The Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary of the South is connected with this College, and is doing efficient work in the cause of theological education. It has an endowment of $21,500, a good library, three competent Professors, with ample facilities for imparting instruction in Practical, Systematic, and Historical Theology, and in Exegesis of the Old and New Testament Scriptures.

3. The Tennessee Synod has one institution under its supervision, Concordia College, Conover, N. C. This school is reported as in a good condition, "especially with respect to religion, morals, and intellectual growth, with encouraging prospects for future usefulness." Instruction in theology is given, and several of its students are preparing for the ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

4. North Carolina College, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., is reported to your committee as in a very good condition, and with flattering prospects of permanent success. The Synod of North Carolina has recently raised an endowment in cash and subscriptions of $15,000, had a recent bequest of a farm of 202 acres of good land, and the brethren of that Synod are greatly encouraged with the present outlook.

5. We also find in our hands a catalogue of Marion Female College, of which Rev. J. J. Scherer is President. The catalogue shows an enrollment of 107 pupils, and evident signs of prosperity.

6. Staunton Female Seminary, which consists of about three acres of land in the city of Staunton, Va., with suitable buildings and other necessary fixtures, has been purchased by a company of stockholders who solicit the co-operation of this body, and its constituents, in enlarging the usefulness of the Seminary, under the following conditions: That all profits and all gifts to the Seminary shall be converted into a sinking fund, from which it is proposed to purchase the stock of the incorporators, and the title to said stock be then vested in such trustees as this Synod may nominate, and in such manner as counsel in the law may advise; and, when all the stock shall have been so purchased, the ownership of said property is to be fully vested in such persons and

in such manner as counsel and this body shall direct. We recommend this overture to the consideration of this body.

7. In order to advance the cause of education in our bounds, it is recommended that the Presidents of our several institutions, both male and female, arrange for an educational convention, to be held at such time and place as may be agreed upon by them.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HALLMAN,
J. E. BUSHNELL,
WM. COFFMAN.

Rev. Dr. Holland, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Minutes of District Synods, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

To the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Your Committee on Minutes of the District Synods of this body respectfully report as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1803.

Number of churches 51; number of ministers 30; number of communicants 5442—a net gain of 271 during the year.

Officers for the year ending May, 1888: President, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Wilmington; Rec. Secy., Rev. J. L. Buck, Gibsonville; Cor. Secy., Rev. H. M. Brown, Troutman's.

The Minutes show commendable zeal in the work of Missions and the cause of Christian education.

TENNESSEE SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1820.

Number of churches 99; number of ministers 30; number of communicants 8095.

Officers: President, Rev. J. S. Koiner, Conover, N. C.; Rec. Secy., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, New Market, Va.; Cor. Secy., Rev. R. A. Yoder, Newton, N. C.

The Home Mission of this Synod is conducted through the conferences. Some interest has been manifested in the Foreign and Home Mission work of the United Synod, and contributions have already been gathered. The Synod is engaged in the work of Christian education, including instruction in theology at Conover, N. C. The Minutes show the work and statistics for ten months only.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1824.

Churches 60; ministers 36; communicants 6384.

Officers for year ending November, 1888: President, Rev. S. T. Hallman, Pomaria; Secretary, Rev. J. E. Berly, Selwood.

The energies of this Synod, during the past year, have been largely directed to the Augusta Mission and the support of its institutions at Newberry, S. C.

VIRGINIA SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1829.

Churches 62; ministers 27; communicants 4706.

Officers: President, Rev. J. A. Snyder, New Market; Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg.

This Synod gives special attention to Missions—Home and Foreign—and the general work of the church.

SYNOD OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA—ORGANIZED 1842.

Churches 48; ministers 26; communicants 3110.

Officers: President, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Salem, Va.; Secretary, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Roanoke, Va.

At its last session, August, 1887, this Synod pledged its hearty co-operation in the mission work of the United Synod. Its Board of Missions was constituted an advisory board of the Board of Missions of the United Synod.

The Orphans' Home begun near Salem, Va., by Rev. W. S. McClanahan, was endorsed and recommended to the congregations for their contributions.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1855.

Churches 11; ministers 9; communicants 481.

Officers: President, Rev. J. N. Derrick, Sallis, Miss.; Rec. Secy., Rev. J. L. Derrick, Burns, Miss.; Cor. Secy., Rev. J. B. Simpson, Kosciusko, Miss.

The President in his report called attention to the importance of missions, catechetical instruction, Sunday-schools, weekly prayer meetings, and systematic beneficence, all of which were favorably acted on by the Synod. It is encouraging to find our brethren of Mississippi so earnest in regard to matters so vital to the church.

GEORGIA SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1860.

Churches 18; ministers 8; communicants 1416.

Officers: President, Rev. J. Austin, Springfield, Ga.; Secretary, Rev. H. S. Wingard.

Mission work within its bounds, and also in Florida, claimed much attention. Your committee recommend that the action of this Synod with regard to Missions at Atlanta and in Florida, be referred to the incoming Board of Missions of this body.

HOLSTON SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1861.

Churches 26; ministers 14; communicants 2210.

Officers: President, Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Blountville, Tenn.; Secretary, Rev. J. H. Summit, Morristown, Tenn.

The work of Missions was turned over to the United Synod, both in the Home and Foreign fields. The heartiness with which this Synod enters into the work of the United Synod, is worthy of commendation and imitation.

With regard to the general visitation of the churches referred by the United Synod at its session in Roanoke, June, 1886, to the District Synods for action, your committee recommend the following:

WHEREAS, Only three of the eight Synods took any action upon the recommendation of the United Synod, the Synods of Virginia and Southwest Virginia opposing as inexpedient at present, and the South Carolina Synod favoring if the cost of such visitation can be provided:

Resolved, That said recommendation be again referred to the District Synods for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HOLLAND,
J. S. KOINER,
A. J. BROWN,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
L. L. SMITH,
T. L. SEIGLE,
JULIUS D. DREHER.

Rev. Dr. Hawkins, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod and General Council, which was received and adopted.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD AND GENERAL COUNCIL.

These two great Lutheran bodies are in entire sympathy with our Southern Church, and hold fraternal relations with us through visitors, corresponding delegates, and a joint committee on a Common Service.

The minutes are full of matters, not only of local, but of general interest. Both bodies are doing a great work, in education, in church extension, in missions—home and foreign—that of the General Synod amounting to $146,312 for one year, and that of the General Council to not much less. These 425,000 Lutherans are the pride and admiration of our Southern Church, and in their devotion and zeal, in their activity and energy, and in their aggressive spirit, should provoke us to love and good works.

J. HAWKINS,
C. B. KING,
I. BOWMAN.

Maj. H. A. Meetze, chairman, read the report of the Committee on the Overture from the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which was received and considered by items. The consideration of the report was postponed until the afternoon session.

Rev. Dr. Henkel, chairman, read the report of the Committee on the President's Report, which was received and held for consideration by items.

Rev. Mr. Myers, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the State of Georgia, asked permission to speak upon his work, and was heard. Synod adjourned to the afternoon hour. Closed in the use of the Lord's Prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 3.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was opened by prayer with Rev. C. F. Bansemer, D. D. The consideration of the pending question was resumed, and the report of the Committee on President's Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, the committee on President's Report, submit the following:

The report, in our opinion, is careful and considerate, calling attention to important matters. After appropriate introductory remarks, it calls attention:

1. To Mission interests in the South, as being quite successful and substantial; but as Synod has already taken action in regard to that matter, we deem it unnecessary to submit any suggestion relative to that subject in this report.

2. It calls proper attention to Foreign Missionary work; but, as this matter has already received due action on the part of the Synod, it requires no further consideration here.

3. It refers to a book of worship in the following manner: Inasmuch as the noble efforts of our self-sacrificing brethren of the three English-speaking general bodies have succeeded in arranging and agreeing upon a common liturgical service, let me suggest and recommend that your honorable body appoint a committee of three to co-operate with a

similar committee from the General Synod North and the General Council, to prepare a book of worship, or hymnal, with tunes, or in case it is deemed wisest, constitute a committee of five to publish a special book of hymns and tunes for use in our own churches, prefaced by the new and common liturgy.

In our opinion, it were better to defer this matter for the present.

4. It calls attention to the establishment of a theological seminary as a matter of importance. But this subject being already before Synod, we deem it unnecessary to make any suggestion in regard to it in this connection.

5. It recommends the appointment of a committee, consisting of one clerical and one lay member from each district Synod, to define the rights, powers, and privileges of the various district Synods connected with the United Synod, and the relations they sustain to one another and to the general body.

As this is already fixed in the Basis of Union and the Constitution of this Synod, we deem the appointment of such committee unnecessary.

6. It recommends the formation of a Church Extension Society, or that the Board of Missions be instructed to make appeals for moneys for such a fund, and authorize the board, when sufficient is secured, to loan out the same to one or more of our weak churches free of interest.

We recommend the latter.

7. It recommends the formation of a Lutheran Seamen's Aid Society, as follows: Let me suggest and recommend, that until after other arrangements are made, and perhaps even then, also, that a Lutheran Seamen's Aid Society be formed. Fully two-thirds of all the officers and sailors coming to the ports of Savannah, Charleston, and Wilmington, are Lutherans. We are doing nothing for them spiritually, except what our city pastors are doing for them, and they are too busy with their regular duties. Let us have in these ports Lutheran Chaplains and Bethels, to care for these our people and children with us in the same household of faith.

Relative to this, we recommend that it be referred to a committee for further consideration, with instructions to report to the next meeting of this Synod.

8. With respect to our W. H. and F. M. Societies, it makes the following statement: It is with pleasure that I hear and read of the noble and successful work of our women in their various societies.—They will yet prove themselves mighty helpers in our mission operations, if only properly encouraged. Would it not be well to advise them to form a General Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and ask said general society to sustain some home mission and missionary, through or under the auspices of our Board of Missions?

Would not special work at some point be best for them and best for us? I would recommend such action.

As action has already been taken by Synod relative to this matter, we deem it unnecessary to make any recommendation with respect to it. Respectfully submitted,

SOCRATES HENKEL,
J. D. SHIREY,
GEO. B. CROMER,
H. S. TROUT,
GEO. N. NICHOLS,
J. K. HANCHER.

With reference to the item concerning seamen's bethels, the following committee was appointed :

COMMITTEE—Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., and J. D. Cappelmann, Esq.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Overture from the House of Bishops was resumed, and after consideration and amendments adopted.

DECLARATION OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

ADOPTED OCTOBER 20th, 1886.

WHEREAS, In the year 1853, in response to a Memorial signed by many Presbyters of this Church, praying that steps might be taken to heal the unhappy divisions of Christendom, and to more fully develop the Catholic idea of the Church of Christ, the Bishops of this Church, in Council assembled, did appoint a Commission of Bishops empowered to confer with the several Christian bodies in our land who were desirous of promoting godly union and concord among all who loved the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth ; and,

WHEREAS, This Commission, in conformity with the terms of its appointment, did formally set forth and advocate sundry suggestions and recommendations intended to accomplish the great end in view ; and

WHEREAS, In the year 1880, the Bishops of the American Church, assembled in Council, moved by the appeals from Christians in foreign countries who were struggling to free themselves from the usurpations of the Bishop of Rome, set forth a Declaration to the effect that in virtue of the solidarity of the Catholic Episcopate in which we have part, it was the right and duty of the Episcopates of all national Churches, holding the primitive Faith and Order, and of the several Bishops of the same, to protect in the holding of that Faith and the

recovering of that Order those who have been wrongfully deprived of both, and this without demanding a rigid uniformity or the sacrifice of their national traditions of worship and discipline or of their rightful autonomy ;

And Whereas, Many of the faithful in Christ Jesus among us are praying with renewed and increasing earnestness that some measures may be adopted at this time for the reunion of the sundered parts of Christendom :

Now Therefore, in pursuance of the action taken in 1853 for the healing of the divisions among Christians in our own land, and in 1880 for the protection and encouragement of those who had withdrawn from the Roman Obedience ; we, Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Council assembled, as Bishops in the Church of God, do hereby solemnly declare to all whom it may concern, and especially to our fellow Christians of the different Communions in this land, who, in their several spheres, have contended for the religion of Christ :

(1.) Our earnest desire that the Saviour's prayer "that we all may be one" may, in its deepest and truest sense, be speedily fulfilled ;

(2.) That we believe that all who have been duly baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, are members of the Holy Catholic Church.

(3.) That in all things of human ordering or human choice relating to modes of worship and discipline, or to traditional customs, this Church is ready in the spirit of love and humility to forego all preferences of her own ;

(4.) That this Church does not seek to absorb other Communions, but rather, co-operating with them on the basis of a common Faith and Order, to discountenance schism, to heal the wounds of the Body of Christ, and to promote the Charity which is the Chief of Christian graces and the visible manifestation of Christ to the world.

But Furthermore, we do hereby affirm that the Christian unity now so earnestly desired by the memorialists can be restored only by the return of all Christian Communions to the principles of unity exemplified by the undivided Catholic Church during the first ages of its existence ; which principles we believe to be the substantial Deposit of Christian Faith and Order committed by Christ and His Apostles to the Church unto the end of the world, and therefore incapable of compromise or surrender by those who have been ordained to be its stewards and trustees for the common and equal benefit of all men.

As inherent parts of this sacred Deposit, and, therefore, as essential to the restoration of unity among the divided branches of Christendom, we account the following, towit :

(I.) The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the Revealed Word of God;

(II.) The Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian Faith;

(III.) The two Sacraments—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution, and of the elements ordained by Him;

(IV.) The Historic Episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the Unity of His Church;

FURTHERMORE, Deeply grieved by the sad divisions which afflict the Christian Church in our own land, we hereby declare our desire and readiness, so soon as there shall be any authorized response to this Declaration, to enter into brotherly conference with all or any Christian Bodies seeking the restoration of the organic Unity of the Church with a view to the earnest study of the conditions under which so priceless a blessing might happily be brought to pass.

A true copy: Attest.

HERMAN C. DUNCAN,
SECRETARY OF COMMISSION.

Resolution as Adopted by the Concurrent Action of the House of Bishops and of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, Convened in the City of Chicago, October 27th, 1886.

RESOLVED, That a Commission, consisting of five Bishops, five Clerical and five Lay Deputies, be appointed, who shall, at their discretion, communicate to the organized Christian Bodies of our country the Declaration set forth by the Bishops on the Twentieth day of October, and shall hold themselves ready to enter into brotherly conference with all or any Christian Bodies seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church; and that this Commission be requested to make a report of its action to the general Convention of 1889.

Under this resolution the following appointments were made:

The Rt. Rev. John Williams, S. T. D., LL. D., Bishop of Connecticut.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Hooker Wilmer, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Alabama.

The Rt. Rev. Abram Newkirk Littlejohn, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Long Island.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Antony Dewolfe Howe, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Central Penn.

The Rev. George Morgan Hills, D. D., Burlington, New Jersey.

The Rev. Stephen Moylen Bird, Galveston, Texas.

The Rev. Kinloch Nelson, D. D., Theological Seminary, Virginia.
The Rev. Herman Cope Duncan, Alexandria, Louisiana.
The Rev. Arthur Wilde Little, Portland, Maine.
George C. Shattuck, M. D., Boston, Massachusetts.
William Cornwall, Louisville, Kentucky.
James Murdock Smith, LL. D., Buffalo, New York.
Henry P. Baldwin, Detroit, Michigan.
John H. Stotsenburg, New Albany, Indiana.

The Commission is organized with the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Connecticut, as Chairman, and the Rev. Herman C. Duncan, as Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "DECLARATION OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

The committee, to whom was referred the "Declaration of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, adopted October 20, 1886," have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to submit the following report:

That it is with pleasure we have received this declaration, and the letter of the Secretary of the convention accompanying it, and beg to put on record the assurance, that our people are also praying "with renewed and increasing earnestness that some measure may be adopted" most speedily "for the reunion of the sundered parts of Christendom." And that with our well known and well defined principles of opposition to anything like *schism*, and with a fervent desire, that all who profess the name of Christ might in accordance with his prayer "be one," this paper containing such expressions, and coming from so large and influential a body of Christians, is a most cheering sign that in the not very far distant future, we may all see eye to eye, having one faith, one Lord, one baptism.

"They affirm that Christian unity can be restored only by the return of all Christians to the principles of unity exemplified by the undivided Catholic Church during the first ages of her existence, holding these principles to be the substantial deposit of Christian faith and order committed by Christ and his Apostles to the church, and therefore incapable of being compromised or surrendered." * * * But while agreeing, and in the very same spirit contained in said declaration, we beg to say, that we cannot agree with the House of Bishops when they "proceed to particularize as inherent parts of the sacred deposit," and say in their second proposition, "we believe the Nicene Creed to be a sufficient statement of the Christian faith;" and upon this point, it is sufficient for us to say, that in this creed nothing is

said of the total depravity of man and the impossibility of salvation except through faith in Christ. The 3d and 4th specifications are too uncertain and capable of too many constructions to be approved by us.

By this answer we trust the House of Bishops will not conclude, that we desire to treat with too little consideration their overtures, or to break off further communication or negotiation upon a matter so desirable to be consummated. Our purpose is simply to be frank, which we believe will be appreciated.

And now while our purpose is not to suggest to the House of Bishops, we trust they will pardon us for calling their attention to the fact, that in the earlier years of the English reformation, negotiations were in progress between Archb. Cranmer and Bishop Fox and other English divines *and the Father* of the German Reformation at Wittenburg, on the basis of the Augsburg Confession and the Apology. These were interrupted by Henry VIII.; and we ask, would it not be more salutary and the proposed end reached, if these negotiations could be resumed at the point of interruption, by the Lutheran and Protestant Episcopal Churches, and the other bodies who have come out of the English church since that time?

We recommend that said overture be spread at length upon the Minutes of this meeting, and that a copy of this paper as the action of this body thereupon be transmitted, according to the request of the Secretary of said House of Bishops, to him by the Secretary of this body. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MEETZE,
L. G. M. MILLER,
J. H. WILSON.

Mr. G. B. Cromer read the report of the Special Committee on the Theological Seminary, which was received for consideration at the night session. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this United Synod heartily endorses the work of the American Bible Society as presented to us by the Superintendent of the Society for the State of Georgia, Rev. Mr. Myers, and that we hereby commend him and his work to the congregations of this body.

Rev. S. S. Rahn was excused from further attendance after this session.

Rev. C. A. Rose, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Minutes of United Synod, which was received and held for future action. Synod adjourned to meet at 8 P. M. Benediction by Rev. T. S. Brown.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was opened by prayer with Rev. S. T. Hallman. The consideration of the report of the Special Committee on the Theological Seminary was resumed. On motion, its consideration was suspended to hear the report of the Board of Directors of a seminary which was formerly carried on by the late General Synod, which report was received as information and the Board continued until the next meeting of this body.

H. S. TROUT, Treas., in account with Theological Seminary Fund.

1886.		DR.	
June 1.	To amt. due per last settlement		$1937 14
July 24.	" " "	J. T. Crabtree, (interest)	42 43
Aug. 24.	" " "	W. H. Baker, (balance on note)	57 92
Sep. 3.	" " "	M. P. Frantz, (interest)	65 74
Sep. 3.	" " "	Rev. T. W. Dosh's note	100 00
Sep. 3.	" " "	Interest on same	27 95
1887.			
Apr. 19.	" " "	Prof. Wm. B. Yonce, (interest)	24 00
June 30.	" " "	Interest Certificate Deposit	104 04
Sep. 26.	" " "	Prof. J. T. Crabtree, (interest)	17 49
Sep. 28.	" " "	Prof. W. B. Yonce, (interest)	12 06
			$2388 71

1886.		CR.	
July 2.	By amt. paid postage		$ 1 00
Sep. 30.	By amt. paid Rev. T. W. Dosh		300 00
			$301 00
1887.			
Nov. 23.	By balance due fund to this date		2087 71
			$2388 71

1887.		DR.	
Nov. 23.	To balance due to this date		$2087 71

This amount is deposited in the Roanoke Trust and Loan Co., and is bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

I hold in addition to the above, bonds of different parties to whom the former Treasurer had loaned the funds, to the amount of $1722.18.

I also hold a large number of bonds which were given as subscription to the Seminary, but as the Seminary has been discontinued, the makers refuse payment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. TROUT,
Treas. Theological Seminary at Salem, Va.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

As Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and under its instruction, I herewith submit an abstract of its proceedings for your consideration and action. Two meetings were held last Saturday. Respectfully,

F. W. E. PESCHAU,
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

The Officers are: President, Rev. L. G. M. Miller; Secretary, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau; Treasurer, Hon. H. S. Trout.

The Board is constituted as follows: North Carolina Synod—Revs. F. W. E. Peschau, J. A. Linn, T. S. Brown, Messrs. I. F. Patterson, Capt. T. L. Seigle; South Carolina Synod—Revs. E. T. Horn, L. K. Probst, J. A. Sligh, Maj. P. E. Wise, J. B. O'Neall Holloway; Virginia Synod—Revs. J. H. Barb, L. L. Smith, D. M. Gilbert, D. D., W. E. Craig, Esq., J. C. Utz; Southwest Virginia Synod—Revs. J. J. Scherer, L. G. M. Miller, A. Phillippi, J. L. Groseclose, P. L. Terry; Georgia Synod—Rev. H. S. Wingard, Mr. J. B. Dasher.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Seminary Fund on hand be divided to the Synods which contributed it, in proportion to the amount of their respective contributions, to be held by them in trust for the use of a theological seminary.

Treasurer Trout submitted his report, which was received and approved, and is herewith submitted.

The cash spoken of is in the Roanoke Trust Co., and is bearing six per cent., and can be made payable at any time.

The library, a quite valuable one, of several hundred volumes, is in the hands of the former Treasurer, Wm. McCauley, at Salem, Va.

A motion also prevailed to excuse Rev. Dr. Dosh from paying into the treasury the sum of $72.23, which amount he had used from the

current expense moneys and was now unable to pay, and therefore asked to be released from this claim against him.

The Treasurer was instructed to inform him of this action, thus squaring all his accounts with Board.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Seminary, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY NOW.

We recommend:

1. That a committee be appointed to canvass the question of location, and, to that end, to receive bids or offers from the District Synods, and report at the next meeting of this body.

2. That the District Synods be notified that their delegates to the next meeting of this body, will be expected to come prepared to enter upon the final determination of the question of location, and to put the Seminary in operation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. SHIREY,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. S. KOINER,
V. R. STICKLEY,
J. K. HANCHER,
J. L. DERRICK,
J. S. ELMORE,
L. G. M. MILLER.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning. Prayer with Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, and divine service conducted by Rev. H. S. Wingard. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved. Revs. A. L. Crouse and F. W. E. Peschau were excused for a short time at the morning session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH.

On examination of the Minutes, we find the following items claiming the consideration of this body:

1. On page 52, Committee on By-Laws. Is that committee ready to report?

2. Did the District Synods pay the expenses of their delegates to this body, and have they made arrangements for doing the same in the future, as requested by resolution on page 54?

3. Have the District Synods each appointed an Advisory Board of Missions, as requested by resolution on page 57?

4. Is the Committee on Fund for Disabled Ministers, Widows, etc., ready to report?

5. Did the Secretary of Synod discharge his duty, as directed on page 67, in regard to the publication and distribution of the Minutes?

6. Are the Corresponding Delegates to other General Bodies ready to report?

7. Did the Secretary of Synod publish the statistics of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South?

8. Is the Committee on Parochial Blanks ready to report?

9. Did Dr. Bowman make settlement as directed on page 68?

10. Is the Committee on Seal for this Synod ready to report?

Respectfully,

C. A. ROSE,
J. S. ELMORE,
J. E. BUSHNELL.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Minutes of United Synod was resumed.

Item one was postponed.

Item two was complied with in part.

Item three was complied with, and the following reported as chairmen of the Mission Boards of their respective Synods: Rev. W. A. Lutz, N. C. Synod, Enochville, N. C.; Rev. J. S. Koiner, Tennessee Synod, Conover, N. C.; Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., S. C. Synod, Prosperity, S. C.; Rev. J. A. Snyder, Virginia Synod, New Market, Va.; Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Southwest Virginia Synod, Salem, Va.; Rev. R. N. Curry, Mississippi Synod, Burns, Miss.; Rev. J. Austin, Georgia Synod, Springfield, Ga.; Rev. G. H. Cox, Holston Synod, Knoxville, Tenn.

Item four was complied with.

Item five was partially complied with.

Item six was complied with.

Item seven was complied with.

Item eight was complied with.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Seal was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEAL.

We beg to report that we have not procured a seal for Synod, because we have been advised that, as this body is not incorporated, it is not entitled to a seal.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HORN,
A. L. CROUSE.

Rev. J. A. Snyder, chairman, read the following report of the Committee on Missions, which was received and considered by items:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee would report the following items claiming the attention of the United Synod:

1. The time having expired for which the Board of Home and Foreign Missions was elected, it will be the duty of this Board at its present convention to elect a new Board.

Your committee recommend that the former Board be re-elected, which is composed of Revs. E. T. Horn, D. D., L. K. Probst, E. A. Wingard, W. S. Bowman, D. D., J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., Maj. H. A. Meetze, and C. M. Efird, Esq.

2. Among the papers placed into the hands of your committee, is the report of G. M. Beltzhoover, Esq., Treasurer of the Richmond Mission Fund.

Your committee recommend that the report be accepted and printed in the Minutes of this convention.

3. The attention of the United Synod is called to the financial condition of the Richmond Mission. The debt now resting upon the Mission is fully $8,000.

Mr. Andrew Green, who holds a mortgage on the property for the above amount, demands the payment of about $2500.00 of the amount by the first of January, and if it is not paid, he will take steps at once

to sell the property. The Virginia Synod agrees to pay the $2500.00 by the first of January, 1888, provided the District Synods composing the United Synod, will pay the amounts apportioned to them by the General Synod prior to the formation of the United Synod, which apportionments have been paid in part by said Synods.

Your committee recommend that such action be taken by the United Synod as shall secure the payment of all the indebtedness upon the Richmond Mission, as demanded by the said Andrew Green, viz.: that after the payment of the $2500.00 which the Virginia Synod agrees to pay, on the conditions named above, $2,000 annually, until the whole amount be paid.

A second paper placed in the hands of your committee, is a communication from several parties in the State of Mississippi. In this communication there is set forth the needs for missionary work in several parts of that State, and the inability of the Mississippi Synod to furnish the money necessary for said missionary operations. They ask the United Synod to aid them in their missionary work.

Your committee recommend that the said communication be placed into the hands of the Board of Missions for its consideration.

J. A. SNYDER,
D. B. STROUSE,
GEO. B. CROMER.

Items one and two were adopted, and Mr. Beltzhoover's report was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF RICHMOND MISSION FUND.

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA., Nov. 23, 1887.

TO THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE E. L. CHURCH IN THE SOUTH:

Brethren:—As Treasurer elect, June 26, 1886, of the Richmond Mission Fund of this body, I have simply to report, that I have not received anything whatever for said Fund to this date.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. BELTZHOOVER,
TREASURER.

Pending the consideration of this report, Synod adjourned to the afternoon hour. Prayer with Rev. J. S. Koiner.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 3.30 P. M.

Synod was opened by prayer with Rev. V. R. Stickley. The minutes were read and approved. The President announced the following Committee to Solicit Bids for the Location of Theological Seminary: Rev. J. D. Shirey, Rev. V. R. Stickley, Geo. M. Beltzhoover, Esq., Col. P. N. Heilig, Rev. Jacob Austin, Geo. N. Nichols, Esq., Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Maj. H. A. Meetze, Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Rev. J. K. Hancher, Hon. H. S. Trout, Rev. W. E. Hubbert, Rev. J. H. Wilson, Maj. P. E. Wise, Rev. J. L. Derrick.

The following was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

In view of the kindness and interest manifested by their notices of the meeting and sessions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and by their publications of extracts of the proceedings of its different sessions, so satisfactory and accurate, be it

Resolved 1. That the cordial thanks of this Synod are due and hereby tendered the *Daily Morning News* and the Savannah *Daily Times*, Savannah, Ga.; and

2. That the Secretary of Synod furnish these papers with copies of this action of Synod.

And also to Mr. M. Slaughter, Gen'l Railroad Commissioner or Agent, Atlanta, Ga., to E. M. Emerson, Passenger Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, and to Mr. Geo. Charlton, of the Georgia Central R. R., and Mr. W. B. Hardee, of this city, for the kindness and courtesy shown this body in securing reduced fare on different railroads.

The report of the Committee on Missions was adopted as a whole. In reference to the Richmond Mission the following was adopted:

In view of the information received concerning the Richmond Mission, we hereby refer the interests of the Church in that Mission to our Board of Missions, and recommend that they do what they shall find to be advisable for its relief.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That we greatly need a complete discussion and a full statement of the principles which underlie the worship of our church, also an historical commentary on all parts of our service. We therefore respectfully request Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., to prepare and publish, at as early a day as possible, such a work.

The following report of the Committee on Church Literature was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your committee notes with pleasure the success of the efforts at a Common Service. Proper disposition has been already made of the Service reported by the committee.

"Service and Hymns for Sunday-schools" has been introduced into some schools, but has not met with the circulation it deserves. The opening and closing service for Sunday-schools is especially valuable, and admits of suitable variety, while preserving its uniformity.

We recommend its use to our Sunday-schools.

The *Lutheran Home* is a very useful, illustrated monthly publication, containing matter relating specially to the home and family. We note recent marked improvements. A department, under the care of Mrs. Dr. L. A. Fox, is specially devoted to the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the United Synod.

The *H. and F. News* has been already reported on.

The *Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* are published weekly within our bounds, and are devoted to the successful prosecution of our work. It is very important that these papers have a general circulation. If they and the *Home* should reach every home, there would be increased liberality, more intelligent appreciation of our Church work, and an ever widening influence.

Many excellent Church works have been issued by the Publishing House of Henkel & Co., New Market, Va.

A new Publishing Company has lately been organized at Wilmington, N. C., which proposes to issue literature in the interest of the Lutheran Church, which we trust will meet with generous encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HUBBERT,
F. W. E. PESCHAU.

Mr. L. S. Bowers, chairman, read the report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the United Synod of the South :—
Your Committee has examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct, with proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. BOWERS,
I. F. PATTERSON,
ADAM DIACONT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., NOV. 26, 1887.

W. A. BARRIER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
UNITED SYNOD OF EVAN. LUTHERAN CHURCH SOUTH.

1886.	DR.			
June 25.	To amount on hand	$ 54	99	
Nov. 10.	To am't received of Tenn. Synod for Minutes	61	60	
1887.				
Jan. 25.	To am't received of P. N. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod, for Minutes	48	00	
Mar. 2.	To am't received of Rev. Jno. H. Barb, Treas. Evan. Luth. Synod Va., for Minutes	40	00	
Nov. 21.	To am't received of W. J. Duffie, (Publisher)	51	28	
Nov. 26.	To am't of P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod	56	00	
Nov. 26.	To am't of H. S. Trout, Treas. of S. W. V. Synod	24	00	
	Total receipts			$335 87
1886.	CR.			
June 28.	By am't paid W. C. Schaffer, Sec. So. General Synod	$ 10	00	
Dec. 14.	By am't paid Henkel & Co., in part payment for printing Minutes	37	20	
1887.				
Jan. 29.	By am't paid Henkel & Co., balance due for printing Minutes	211	80	
Mar. 29.	By am't paid Rev. A. L. Crouse, Sec. U. S. of E. L. C. South	15	00	
	Total disbursements			$274 00
Nov. 21.	Balance in Treasury			61 87
				$335 87

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BARRIER, TREAS.

The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions was made the Treasurer of the Richmond Mission.

In answer to item four of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of the United Synod, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau read the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee would report that it has put forth no special efforts to establish an Orphans' Home, as all the members of the Committee had hoped to do and had desired to do.

Our reasons for the postponement of special efforts in this direction, will, we believe, be considered by your honorable body as good and satisfactory. One of our principal reasons was the sad fact, that an earthquake with its attendants and consequences, placed many of a number of our leading churches in a position that made them call for help on all our churches. In view of this fact, your Committee deemed it best not to make any other special effort, or to call upon our churches for an entirely new project.

Then, again, we learned that Rev. W. McClanahan had opened his home for the reception of orphan children, and that the Southwest Virginia Synod had endorsed it, and taken it under its fostering care. Thus an Orphans' Home has been established.

We rejoice to report, that as far as we can learn, the new enterprise is succeeding very well, and therefore doing good. Thus the work was taken out of our hands and we relieved of further responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. E. PESCHAU,
L. L. SMITH.

In answer to item eight of the report of the Committee on Minutes of the United Synod, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON PAROCHIAL AND FINANCIAL BLANKS.

As your Committee on "Parochial and Financial Blanks," I would report, that, after having examined some used by other denominations, I found those prepared by the Rev. S. Stall best suited for use, and therefore recommend that they be used in all our District Synods, so as to give a full exhibit of our numbers, and our financial standing, both as far as our collections are concerned, and also as far as the value of our church property is concerned.

Respectfully,

F. W. E. PESCHAU.

In answer to item one of the report of the Committee on Minutes of the United Synod, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.,* read the report of the Committee on By-Laws, which was received, ordered to be printed in the Minutes, and its consideration postponed till the next meeting of the United Synod. Rev. A. L. Crouse and Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner had their votes recorded in the negative on the vote to postpone.

BY-LAWS, RULES OF ORDER, AND REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

BY-LAWS.

I. On assembling at the time and place, the regular service shall be used, and the Synodical Sermon, delivered by the President of the former Convention, or, in his absence, by some one appointed by him.

II. The Holy Communion may then, after Confession and Absolution, be administered, first to the members of Synod, and afterwards to the members of the congregation.

III. The Synod shall then be organized in the manner provided in Article V. of the Constitution, and a majority of all the votes present shall be necessary for the election of officers.

IV. Members and delegates from other Evangelical Lutheran Synods or General Bodies may be received, and tendered the privilege of participating in the deliberation and discussions. Members of other ecclesiastical organizations may, on motion, receive recognition, by being invited to seats.

V. No member shall absent himself during the entire term of the Convention without permission from the Synod, nor from its daily sessions without permission from the President.

VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR DAILY SESSIONS—FIRST SESSION.

1. Reception of Credentials of Delegates, and enrollment of names of members.

2. Hearing the President's Report.

3. Election of Officers.

4. Reading the Rules of Order.

5. Application of Synods for connection with the United Synod.

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*Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and T. S. Brown were the only members of this committee present.—SECRETARY.

6. Reading or referring Minutes of last Convention.

7. Report of Treasurer.

8. Reception of Documents, etc., from District Synods, or from other sources.

9. Appointments of Standing Committees.

10. Reports of Standing Committees.

11. Reports from Theological and Literary Institutions.

12. Proposition, discussion, and disposal of Resolutions.

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Calling the Roll.

2. Reading and approval, or correction of Minutes.

3. Unfinished Business.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Reports of Special Committees.

6. Resolutions.

7. New or Miscellaneous Business, in the order indicated by the President.

VII. On the second evening after the opening of the Convention, the regular Missionary anniversary shall be held.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. No subject shall be discussed without a motion or resolution, thereupon, presented in writing, and seconded.

II. When a member wishes to speak on any question before Synod, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President. He shall confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and shall avoid all personalities and improprieties of language, and whilst so doing shall not be interrupted except with his own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.

III. At the request of any member, a proposition containing two or more distinct points may be divided, the vote on the several points taken separately.

IV. Every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by Synod.

V. No amendment shall be entertained that is not relevant to the subject under consideration, and no amendment beyond the second degree shall be in order.

VI. When a question is before Synod, no motion shall be received, except—

1. To adjourn.

2. To lay on the table.

3. To take the question without further debate.

4. To postpone indefinitely.

5. To postpone to a special time.

6. To commit or amend.

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order above arranged.

VII. A motion to adjourn will always be in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

VIII. The motion to adjourn shall be decided without debate.

IX. Debatable motions, until decided, shall preclude all discussion of the main question.

X. Amendments may be offered at any stage of a question.

XI. When a question is postponed indefinitely it shall not be entertained again during the Convention, except on motion for reconsideration by a member who voted with the majority; which motion shall take precedence of all others except that to adjourn.

XII. A motion may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

XIII. No member shall be permitted to speak the second time so long as any other member, not yet having spoken, may desire to do so.

XIV. A member, when called to order by the Chair, shall take his seat ; but he shall have the right of appeal to Synod, and a decision thereupon shall be made without debate.

XV. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded on any question, when requested by three members of the Convention.

XVI. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time named, shall be voted on first.

XVII. The President shall decide all questions of order; but any member may appeal from his decision, and such appeal shall not be discussed, except when growing out of a debatable motion before the Convention.

XVIII. The President shall have the right to speak on any question before the Convention, provided, as hereby authorized, he appoint some member to perform the duties of the chair whilst thus temporarily vacated.

XIX. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by Synod.

XX. The following Standing Committees shall always be appointed:

1. On President's Report.
2. On Minutes of Last Synod.
3. On District Synods.
4. On State of the Church.
5. On Devotional Exercises.
6. On Theological Seminaries.
7. On Literary Institutions.
8. On Missions.
9. On Treasurer's Report.
10. On Mileage.
11. On Letters and Petitions.
12. On Church Literature.

These Rules shall be read by the Secretary before the Convention, immediately after its organization, and may be modified, amended or abolished at any session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO WORK.

I. Every important Home Missionary work or enterprise, undertaken by this Synod, shall be under its control and supervision, and the property of such enterprise shall be conveyed to trustees selected or designated by Synod, to be held for the use, benefit, and occupancy of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation worshiping at that place, and adhering to the Confessional Basis of said Synod, until the congregation is regularly transferred to an Evangelical Lutheran Synod in connection with this Body.

II. It shall not be the policy of this Synod to commence Missionary work at any place, unless the friends of the Church, residing at such point, are willing to do a reasonable part towards building up and supporting the contemplated congregation and the erection of a suitable church edifice.

III. Every minister, teacher, professor, or missionary, in any institution or enterprise under the supervision or control of this United Synod, before entering on the performance of the duties of his office, shall make an affirmation that he will inculcate nothing that is in conflict with the Doctrinal Basis of this United Synod as defined in its Constitution, but that all his religious teachings shall be in conformity with

the same ; and that he will not foster nor encourage intercommunion, or altar fellowship with non-Lutherans, or unionistic services, or any secret society of a doubtful or deistic character.

The following, relating to the death of Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., was adopted:

ACTION UPON THE DEATH OF REV. J. P. SMELTZER, D. D.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church to call from the scene of his labors on earth our beloved brother, Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., long identified with the work of this body in the General Synod South, now merged into this body, as a delegate from the South Carolina Synod, and as Professor of Theology in its Theological Seminary in its most trying days, and more recently a member of the delegation from the Tennessee Synod to this body:

Resolved 1. That we do now express our profound grief, and put on record our high appreciation of his great worth as a man, his deep piety, his theological and pulpit abilities, and his untiring zeal and great self-sacrifice in the cause of education, whether in connection with the theological seminary or the classical schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Resolved 2. That we will cherish his memory with fond affection ; and we would also be reminded by his death of the uncertainty of life, its grave responsibilities, and the impressive admonition of the Master: "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

Resolved 3. That the Secretary forward a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., chairman, read the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

"Watchman, what of the night?" What is the condition of the Church within our territory? What increase in the number of our members? What efficiency in our agencies? What degree of missionary zeal? What success in our educational work? What growth in true piety? What are our great needs? What progress or decline in any direction? These are the most important of the questions we are expected to answer.

It is not possible with the facilities at our command, nor is it desirable to give the facts in detail. Many of them in other connections have already or will come before us. We are asked to give general results.

It is not easy to be precise in our judgment. The tests are well known, but not so easily applied. The chemist must allow for the conditions of his agents, and he repeats the experiment over and over again before he is satisfied with the true results. The Christian life is a hidden one. Its manifestation in different directions depends upon knowledge, opportunities, long established customs, and many other conditions. To religious activities there are other than the true motives.—If the chemist draws his conclusions cautiously when he has the field of observation immediately before him, and has only matter to deal with, how much more ought we, also, to be cautious when we have so broad a field, so many conditions may exist, and our subject is the hidden things of the heart. From mere general facts we may often be mistaken in our conclusions. For example, here is a church with a hundred members which contributes to general benevolence a thousand dollars, while there is a pastorate of a thousand members which gives only one hundred dollars. We may be mistaken in pronouncing the first the more pious, for they may control a thousand times more wealth, have a long cultivation in giving, and may be incited by selfish worldly motive, while the latter out of poverty and insufficient training, but pure love, give what they do give at a sacrifice. We need to be reminded of these things, lest we fall into invidious comparisons.

Reports of progress come up from all the Synods except one, and yet that one has a sufficient increase in membership to entitle it to increased representation in this body. The attendance upon the public services is said to have been good. In our Synod infant baptism seems on the part of some to have fallen into neglect, but there has been improvement in that direction during the year.

The progress in the use of a distinctive Lutheran Service made during the last decade, does not leave so much to be done, but there is a growing appreciation of our liturgy and opposition to it has well nigh died out. Our Common Service will meet a hearty welcome in nearly or quite all our churches.

The number of our educational institutions is increasing. Two of our colleges have increased their indowments. More thorough work is being done in our schools. Our people are learning to estimate better the importance of the education of their daughters as well as their sons. There can be no question as to our progress in the matter of education.

An Orphans' Home is being founded.

There has been an increase in our membership. Not having the

Minutes of the different Synods for both years at our command, we cannot give the exact figures. It would be well if our Secretaries in their summaries would give the net gains or losses for two years in the Minutes just preceding our conventions. Our growth in membership must for a few years yet be slow. One of our Synods suffers so much from emigration, that many congregations for some years have had no increase. Confirmations only balance dismissals. But our outlook is bright. With the development of our industries, our brethren from foreign countries, and our own States North, will locate on our territory, and not only old congregations will be strengthened, but new ones organized. We have reason to hope, that in another quarter of a century, in some of our Southern States, the Lutheran Church will be the largest of the churches.

There has been very commendable progress in missionary zeal and corresponding contributions. This is due largely to two causes: our better policy and the organization of our Woman's Missionary Societies. The increased offerings during the last year lead us to hope that the apportionment, large as it may seem to some, though small to others, will be fully raised, and that at our next convention we may make it very much larger.

One of our great needs is a better support of our ministry. This want is not peculiar to us. It is not so great with us as with a certain church which is supposed to have a great deal more wealth than our people possess. But it is nevertheless a great hindrance to the efficiency of our pastors. We have for this reason alone suffered some very heavy losses, and unless the evil be corrected, we will suffer still more. Most of our vacancies are due to this cause alone. The President of one of our Synods has been untiring in his efforts to have the vacancies under his care supplied, but has failed, not because men are not willing to go, but because the means of a most economical living are not offered as compensation. A remedy is sadly needed for the evil, but how to find it is a very difficult question.

Another great need is a Theological Seminary of our own. In the judgment of your committee, our existence not merely as the United Synod, but also as a church in this Southern land, in a large measure depends upon its establishment. The seminaries now among us can not meet this want. Its establishment at this time may be deemed inexpedient, simply because of the lack of means, but we must keep before us and our people its importance, and at the earliest possible period take steps to found it.

We are fully sensible that this report is not exhaustive, nor did we attempt to make it so. We have sought to give only general results. We do not conceal the fact from ourselves, nor would we dis-

guise it from others, that the state of our churches is far from being perfect, yet we may truthfully answer, as the watchman of old did, "the morning cometh."

L. A. FOX,
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The President announced the following additions to the Common Service Book Committee, with special reference to the revision of the translation of the Confessions: Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt.

The following vote of thanks was adopted:

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and are hereby tendered to the pastor and members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension, and other Christian brethren and friends of Savannah, Ga., for the generous hospitality and numerous courtesies extended us during our sojourn in this city.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C., and 11 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1889, were elected as the time and place for holding the next convention of the United Synod.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to assess each District Synod five dollars for each delegate to which it was entitled to this body, for the purpose of paying the expenses of printing the Minutes of this meeting, and of paying the Secretary of this body $25.00 for his services.

Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, with Rev. J. D. Shirey as alternate, was elected visitor to the General Synod, and Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., with Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., as alternate, was elected visitor to the General Council.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 3000 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed pro rata, and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer by the officers to pay for printing and mailing the same.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase a book for protocol and record of minutes.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place elected, and was closed by the President according to the form in the Book of Worship.

I certify that the foregoing is a faithful and correct record of the transactions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, in its second convention, held in the Church of the Ascension, in the city of Savannah, Ga., Nov. 24-29, 1887.

A. L. CROUSE, *Secretary.*

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

Thursday, 11 A. M.—Synodical Sermon by Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, and the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday, 8 P. M.—Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.

Friday, 8. P. M.—Rev. E. A. Wingard.

Sunday, 11 A. M.—Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D.

Sunday, 3.30 P. M.—Sunday-school meeting; addresses by Rev. C. B. King, Prof. J. D. Dreher, Ph. D., Geo. B. Cromer, Esq.

Sunday, 8 P. M.—Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, in German.

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11 A. M.—Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D.
8 P. M.—Rev. G. W. Holland, Ph. D.

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11 A. M.—Rev. S. T. Hallman.
8 P. M.—Rev. Prof. J. Willis.

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11 A. M.—Rev. J. H. Wilson.

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5.15 P. M.—Rev. J. E. Bushnell.

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The Third Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, met in St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, N. C., November 14, 1889, at 11 A. M. The Secretary, Rev. A. L. Crouse, conducted the service of confession and absolution preparatory to the reception of the Lord's Supper. The Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., President, preached the Synodical Sermon, after which the Lord's Supper was administered to the members of Synod, to some of our visiting members, and to some of the members of the congregation.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., and opened according to prescribed form.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

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CLERICAL—Geo. H. Cox, W. G. Campbell, F. W. E. Peschau, C. A. Rose, W. R. Brown, W. Kimball, S. L. Keller.

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LAY—Capt. J. D. Groover.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

CLERICAL—A. J. Brown, D. D., J. K. Hancher.

Lutheran ministers present, not members of the body, were received as advisory members.

Mr. A. D. Wessel, on behalf of the congregation, made an address of welcome to Synod, and was replied to by the President. His Hon., Col. E. D. Hall, Ex-Mayor, on behalf of the city, welcomed the Synod, and was replied to by Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D.

Rev. W. S. Creasy, of Grace M. E. Church South, was introduced by Pastor Peschau.

The President read his report, which was received and held for reference to the committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: May the blessing of Almighty God be upon us, gathered to seek and do His will.

I have but few official acts to report to you, and but few recommendations to make.

1. Early in my term of office I received from Rev. J. F. Ohl, representing the committee on Sunday School Lessons of the General Council, a request for our co-operation in their work. His letter and other documents bearing on the subject are herewith submitted.

2. Last March the organization of the South View Orphan Home, near Roanoke, Va., was reported to me. As the first institution of the kind begun in our church in the South, I bring it to your consideration.

3. A reply to our reply having been received from Rev. Mr. Duncan, Secretary of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, I answered it, after consultation with the other officers of the United Synod, and the Faculties of Roanoke, Concordia, Newberry, and North Carolina Colleges. My letter has not been answered. The correspondence is herewith submitted. I think it should be preserved in our Minutes as supplemental to the action of our last convention.

I think it important that we should not adjourn until we have done all that can be done to unify all our work. The history of Swedish and German bodies in the West shows how much may be accomplished by a few, if they are all of one mind. The great duties opening to us and our very small means admonish us not to zeal only, but to thorough organization and self-control. I suggest that the establishment of a General Theological Seminary is the most important and the most pressing of our duties.

I also recommend that you constitute a Board of Education, whose duty it shall be to gather, tabulate, and publish reports of all our Church Schools of whatever grade, to compare their courses of study, to advise

with their Trustees and Faculties, and on the basis of the information gathered, to suggest to future conventions of the United Synod appropriate action.

I suggest that it might be well to appoint a committee to prepare at the close of this Synod a circular letter, stating concisely all that may be done at this convention ; which, having been revised and adopted by us, may be sent out to be read to every one of our congregations.

EDWARD T. HORN, PRESIDENT.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., *President.*
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Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Secretary.*
Capt. W. A. Barrier, *Treasurer.*

The Secretary read the Rules of Order. The Minutes of last convention were referred to the proper committee.

The Treasurer read his report, which was received and held for reference to the committee.

The officers of the Wilmington Sea Coast Railway, through Pastor Peschau, extended an invitation to the Synod to make an excursion over its road to the seaside, which was thankfully accepted, and the selection of the time left to the President and Pastor Peschau.

The President appointed as the Committee on Devotional Exercises, the pastor *loci* and the officers of Synod.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary, read the Report of the Board of Missions. It was accompanied by the report of its Treasurer, which was referred to a committee of one from each district synod.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Herewith is respectfully submitted the narrative of the Board's operations since the last meeting of the United Synod in Savannah, November 24-29 in 1887. Immediately after the adjournment of said Synod, the old Board having been re-elected, the officers of the Board were re-elected as follows: President, Rev. Edward T. Horn, D. D.;

Secretary, Rev. L. K. Probst; Treasurer, Jno. D. Cappelmann, Esq.

In the prosecution of the mission work during the past two years, the Board has been largely guided by the recommendations adopted by the United Synod at Savannah. The recommendations looking to future action were the following:

1. The completion of the work at Augusta, Ga., and immediately on its completion to begin a Home Mission at another point, and to raise, if possible, $4,000, per annum, for this work.

2. The interest of the church in Richmond Mission was referred to the Board, with the recommendation that what might be found advisable should be done for its relief.

3. The prosecution of the Foreign Mission work, looking to the establishment of a mission in the Empire of Japan, and the raising of $2,000, per annum, for its support.

4. The employment of a permanent or paid Secretary.

5. The continuation and enlargement of the *Mission News*, to embrace the work of both Home and Foreign Missions.

6. The endeavor to increase interest in Missions among the women of the church, and to get the Women's Societies to concentrate their interest upon the work of the Board.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

At a meeting of the Board on December 13, 1887, the question of a permanent Secretary was discussed, and Rev. L. K. Probst was elected to that position, at a salary of $1,200 per year and traveling expenses. He began work on the 15th of January, 1888, making Walhalla, S. C., his headquarters. Much of the time of the Secretary at first was devoted to extending information about our Mission Work and arousing interest in the same. To accomplish this many letters were written to pastors, superintendents, and secretaries of mission societies, as well as to private individuals. All the synods, except the Mississippi Synod, many of the conferences and mission societies, and some congregations, were visited. Where practicable, addresses were delivered, and in all ways possible information in regard to the work was given, and the duty of church members to it was pressed upon them. From time to time during the year, at its regular meetings, the Secretary reported to the Board in regard to his visits and work, and at all times maintained direct correspondence with the President and Treasurer of the Board, and worked under their direction. In the fall of 1888, owing to the development of the work at Knoxville, Tennessee, and, to stop expensive visits, the Secretary was directed to consider the feasibility of making that city his headquarters. In January of 1889, this plan was consummated, since which time the Secretary has resided in Knoxville,

and regularly served the mission church there, except when absent at meetings of synods. Under this arrangement, the salary of the Secretary has been the same as when engaged entirely in traveling, and all contributions from the Knoxville mission have been turned into the treasury of the Board.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Particular attention has been given by the Secretary to the organization of Children's Missionary Societies. All pastors were supplied with constitutions for such societies, and when requested certificates of membership were furnished. During 1888, about 2,000 and, up to date in 1889, about 1,200 certificates have been distributed among these societies. If all Sunday-schools had some such organization, or were in some way encouraged to give regularly to the cause of missions, not only would the receipts in our treasury largely increase, but a spirit of giving would grow in the younger members of our churches.

THE MISSION NEWS.

During the past two years, in accordance with the resolution of Synod, the *Mission News* has been regularly issued each quarter.—The size of the issue was doubled in order to give room for more information, and about 8,000 copies were sent out, largely for gratuitous distribution. Subscribers have been constantly solicited at 25 cts. per annum, with the result which the report of our Treasurer will show. The object of this paper is to spread information in regard to our work and to arouse interest in it; and, therefore, it was sent to all pastors in sufficient quantities to put one into every family, whether subscribed for or not. We believe that the paper has done good, but feel that it would be more useful if issued monthly instead of quarterly.

CO-OPERATION OF DIFFERENT SYNODS.

There is no question as to the magnitude of the mission work waiting to be done by the Southern Lutheran Church. Believing that this work can be done best by the cordial co-operation of all the Synods, it has been the aim of the Board to secure such co-operation, at least in the general work. While all the Synods have carried on special local work the majority have cordially co-operated in the work of the Board. It would have gratified the Board, if it could, in a large measure, have assumed control of and assisted the mission points where such assistance was desired, but it has been impossible with the limited resources at its command to respond to all the calls made upon it. This was notably so in the summer of 1888, when the Southwest Virginia Synod's committee desired general work begun at Pulaski City, Va., and other points within its territory *after* the Board had assumed obli-

gations at Richmond, Augusta, and Knoxville, which were as yet unfulfilled. The outlook for successful work at these Virginia points being so favorable, and liberal offers of aid having been made by individuals to the Women's Societies of the Southwest Virginia Synod if they would begin work there at once, the Board finally agreed that all money raised by the Women's Societies of said Synod should be expended within the bounds of their own Synod, with the understanding that this should be done without detriment to the general work of the Board ; or, in other words, it being understood that the Southwest Virginia Synod would still try to pay its proportionate part into the Board's treasury. We appreciate the effort which has been made to do so much by these brethren and sisters, and the result of the work in Virginia will be noted in another part of this report.

WOMAN'S WORK.

In all the Synods the women have actively continued the work for Missions. The Southwest Virginia, the North Carolina, the South Carolina, and the Georgia Synods have organized Women's Missionary Societies in many of their congregations. The other Synods have Societies in some of their churches. The women's work has been encouraged by the Board by correspondence with Societies, and by instructing the Secretary to attend, when practicable, their conventions. We have tried to get individual Societies to report promptly quarterly to Synodical Secretary, and, in turn, we have asked these Synodical Secretaries to render a quarterly report to the Secretary of this Board. There is room for more thorough organization in all the Synods, and need for more systematic effort. There is a desire in some of the Women's Synodical Societies for a woman's general convention, and for a special work to be assigned to them, such work to be known as the Women's Work, or Mission. We ask this United Synod to express itself on the subject of such general convention and special work, and if such a general organization be found advisable, we will ask that such steps be taken as will constitute the Mission Board the head of this department as of all other departments of Mission work.

Having thus given a brief outline of the administrative work of the Board, we desire now to report in detail on our Home and Foreign work.

HOME MISSIONS.

AUGUSTA, GA.

At the last meeting of the United Synod there was still $1,000 due on the pledge of $2,500 to the Mission at Augusta, Ga. This has been paid in full. The congregation, however, still owes a debt of $1,900 on the church building. According to their own agreement, the congre-

gation at Augusta has up to this time carried this debt, and with the members, we regret that it seems impossible for them to lift it. The congregation at Augusta is reported as in a growing condition. Soon after the last meeting of the United Synod the Rev. E. E. Barkley resigned the Mission and Rev. S. T. Hallman, of the South Carolina Synod, was elected pastor. Since May of 1888, Rev. Hallman has served the Augusta Mission energetically and acceptably, and this Board has at the request of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Synod paid one hundred dollars annually to supplement his salary. A petition from the Augusta Mission, endorsed by the South Carolina Synod, asks this Board for the future to pay $50 quarterly, and the Missionary desires to appeal to the church at large for assistance to pay the remaining debt. On these requests the Board asks for the instruction of the United Synod.

RICHMOND MISSION.

In consequence of the action of this Synod, at Savannah, in referring its interest in the Richmond Mission to this Board, with instruction to do what should be found advisable for its relief, this question was discussed at length at the next Board meeting, and the Secretary was instructed to visit Richmond in order to determine what was best to be done. The visit was made in December of 1888. The congregation, although numbering about 150 persons, was discouraged, because they were without a pastor, and because they were oppressed by a debt of more than $8,000. They were, however, anxious to be aided and were willing to help themselves to the extent of their ability.

The Virginia Synod was willing to pay $2,500 of the debt if the Board would in some way arrange to pay the balance. Recollecting the labor and money that had been expended on Richmond, and knowing the desire of many that the work there should go on, it was determined by the Board, if the Virginia Synod would pay the $2,500 as promised, to devote to Richmond Mission a sum equal to the entire contribution of the Virginia Synod to the Mission work of the Board, and even to one-fourth of the contributions to Home Missions of the United Synod, if that amount should exceed the contributions of the Virginia Synod to our Mission work.

The Virginia Synod paid the $2,500, leaving a balance due the holder of the mortgage bonds of $5,581.36. On this specified balance of the debt the Board agreed to pay an annual sum equal to the above indicated proportion of the money coming into its treasury. The Trustees of the Richmond Mission property agreed on their part that the Committee of the Virginia Synod and the Board of the United Synod, should hold the first mortgage bonds, lifted by them in these several

payments, as security, "*in case, if from unforeseen circumstances, the Richmond Mission congregation should sever its connection with the United Synod or disband.*" Further, the Trustees agreed to pay the interest on the remaining debt semi-annually, devoting to this object the rent of the vacant lot belonging to the church property. Soon after this arrangement was made the Rev. J. S. Moser accepted a call to the Mission, having been recommended by the Virginia Synod's Richmond Mission Executive Committee. About this time 30 members of the Mission withdrew to form a new church at a distance of about two miles from the first Mission. This second Mission called the Rev. G. E. Shuey to be its pastor, and has been liberally assisted during the past year by the Southwestern Virginia Synod. At the meeting of the Virginia Synod, in August of this year, the report of the Synod's Executive Committee on Richmond Mission, showed that the financial condition of the Mission had improved, the interest on all borrowed money and on the bonds having been promptly paid during the year, and a bond of $1,000 having been lifted by this Board of Missions; and besides, $400 was paid by the Virginia Synod to supplement the salary of the pastor at Richmond. While the financial condition of the Mission has improved, and the Virginia Synod approves of the work done in Richmond by the Board, there are discouraging features connected with the internal condition of the Mission which have caused the Virginia Synod to take action looking to the sale of the present church site, the payment of all the debts of the Mission, and the transfer of the balance of the money to the Board of Missions in connection with the United Synod, to be subject to their control, to be used either for the purchase of a lot and erection of a church or chapel in another locality for the use of the Richmond Mission, or, should the Board deem best to discontinue the work in Richmond, the Virginia Synod agrees that this money shall be used in the prosecution of Mission work elsewhere. If the present church site is sold and a new lot purchased and another church built, the Trustees are empowered to secure on the new property all money advanced by the Board of Missions, as well as to secure to the Virginia Synod the amount paid by it in February of 1888. At a meeting of the Board on the 13th inst., the Secretary reported that, at the direction of the President of this Board, he had again on the 11th inst. visited Richmond, a full report of his investigation was submitted, and, based on this report, the Board submits the following action for the approval of this Synod:

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, at its last convention, acceded to the request of the Mission Church in

Richmond, and instructed the Trustees to sell that church; and

WHEREAS, That Synod also advised, that if that property is sold, "after all indebtedness thereon is paid, the remaining sum, whatever it may be, be turned over to the Board of Missions in connection with the United Synod South, to be subject to their control; and that all future work in Richmond be under the immediate supervision and direction of said Board;" and

WHEREAS, At a meeting of the congregation of the First Lutheran Church of Richmond, on Monday, Nov. 11, 1889, the following action was taken:

"That in accordance with the wish of the Virginia Synod, as expressed at its last session, we are willing to be taken under the care of the United Synod South, and hereby petition that body to so regard us."

"That in case the United Synod agrees to accept us as its mission, we will agree to the sale of our present church property and the distribution of proceeds of sale as recommended by the Virginia Synod."

"Inasmuch as the church property of the Richmond Mission is held jointly by this congregation in connection with the Virginia Synod,

Resolved, That we agree that the Virginia Synod, or United Synod, shall have an equal representation on the Board of Trustees of the congregation;" therefore,

Resolved, That this Board is willing to continue the present arrangement, on condition that, as proposed, one-half of the Board of Trustees of the congregation be members of the Virginia Synod, not of the congregation, and approved by this Board.

Or, we consent to the sale, if, as proposed by the Virginia Synod, and approved by the congregation at Richmond, the entire proceeds of the sale, after the payment of the recognized debt, be paid to the Board of Missions of the United Synod, to be used at its discretion in the city of Richmond.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Even before the completion of the pledge to Augusta, work was begun by the Secretary at Knoxville. This is the most important city of East Tennessee. There has been a German Lutheran church here for years. Occasional English services were held here by the Secretary during the summer and fall of 1888, and in December of the same year the formal organization of an English congregation was effected with twenty-seven members. Since the first of February of 1889, regular English services have been held each Sabbath, with one exception. These services are held at night, with the exception of one Sunday a month when they are in the afternoon, in the German

church, which was offered by the German congregation at a rental of $6.00 per month. The relation of the English Mission to the German congregation has been, since its organization, uniformly friendly. The present outlook of the Mission is very favorable. New families of Lutherans have recently come to the city, and about 40 persons are now, or soon will be, identified with the Mission as members, while the attendance at the services is growing, and is largely in excess of that number. The time has come, however, when the lot must be bought, and the church should soon be built, if the young congregation is to be held together. The congregation has contributed since February of '89, $171.70 for pastor's salary, and $93.87 for current expenses, the former amount having been turned into the Treasury of this Board. Besides this subscriptions for about $1,500 have been pledged for a building fund. The Mission congregation at the last session of the Holston Synod, was received into connection with that Synod, under the name of St. John's English Lutheran Church of Knoxville. It may be well to state, that the Holston Synod is anxious to have a self-supporting church established in Knoxville, and has authorized two collections for the benefit of the Mission to be lifted in each of its congregations during this year. We would call attention to the geographical position of Knoxville. It is almost in the center of what must be the missionary territory of the United Synod for years to come, with Pulaski, Radford, Bristol, and other important points on the north, and Chattanooga, Atlanta, Birmingham, and the southwestern States on the south and west.

In connection with this work, we respectfully recommend that this body will authorize and direct the Board to purchase in Knoxville a suitable lot for the erection of a church.

DISTRICT SYNOD WORK.

While work has been done by the General Board at the places already mentioned, local synodical work has been carried on by the different synods. The assistance of the North Carolina Synod has brought to a successful completion a most beautiful church in Charlotte, N. C., almost now, we believe, free of debt. This Synod also annually contributed $300 for missionary work within its own bounds. The Virginia Synod has liberally assisted in the erection of a new church at Harrisonburg, Va., and in the support of its pastor, about $1,400 having been expended at this place during the past year. The South Carolina Synod has paid $300 a year to the pastor at Augusta, Ga., and $200 to the pastor at Orangeburg, S. C., and in addition about $145 are paid to other home mission points. The Georgia Synod has assisted its own Georgia Mission, and, in Savannah, a Mission

School, with the prospect of a future church, has been started. The Tennessee Synod has a Mission in Alabama, and, to Monroe Mission, we are told that $300 has been paid for pastoral support, and $400 on the church building. The Southwest Virginia Synod deserves special credit for activity in Mission work within its own territory. Its missions are prosperous. This Synod has enabled Trinity, in Richmond, Rev. G. E. Shuey, pastor, to remove its debt by a loan of $700 from its Synodical Church Extension Society. This Mission reports a membership of 57 the first year. The Mission at Bluefield, W. Va., is said to have built a handsome house of worship, and at Jeffersonville, the county seat of Tazewell county, a large brick church is being erected. At these latter places the Rev. Prof. J. B. Greever will organize congregations as soon as the buildings are completed. The Pulaski City church has been built, and the membership has increased to 28 members. About $2,000 has been expended at this point by the Women's Missionary Society of the S. W. Va. Synod. From the report of our Treasurer, it will appear that the S. W. Va. Synod has not paid in full its proportionate part asked by the Board for the past two years. This deficiency is explained by a resolution of said Synod which declares, first, that the Synod understood that $600 were asked from that Synod for two years instead of each year; and second, that new demands not fully realized two years ago have been made upon their resources by their own rapidly developing territory, and by the opportunities afforded by Providence, which leaves no choice but to enter the fields opened in their rising cities or lose incalculably. At the same time the resolution endorses the general principle of concentrated effort adopted by the Board. While we regret that this Synod has not been able to pay its full proportion to the general treasury, we say again, that we appreciate the effort which has been successfully made by these sisters and brethren to do so much in their own territory.

We are also informed indirectly that a second English Lutheran Church has been built in Roanoke, Va.

OTHER POINTS.

There are other points which will soon claim the attention of the United Synod's Board. Many places in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Texas, are reported as having *some* Lutherans. The difficulty is, few of these places have enough Lutheran members to justify an immediate organization. In a few places, notably Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Asheville, N. C., our Secretary has already begun to gather information looking to organizations of congregations.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Our Treasurer's report will show that at the last meeting of the United Synod, there was a balance on hand for Home Missions of $373.18. There has since been received for Home Missions, $4,717.95. Of the total of these amounts, $4,271.31 has been expended, leaving a balance in the treasury of $819.82. In addition there is on hand $510.93, contributed directly for Knoxville.

We recommend that the Board be authorized to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod, $6,000 *per annum* for the work of Home Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board, after careful consideration, resolved to begin a Mission in the Empire of Japan. Repeated efforts to secure a suitable Missionary having failed; though further steps were taken, the Board thought it not right to select a Missionary just before the meeting of the United Synod, or to burden their successors with a new undertaking. We have instructed the pastor of the church at Salem to cultivate an acquaintance with the Japanese students at Roanoke College, in the hope that he might facilitate our work thereby. We have also the names of several students of theology who have expressed a readiness to go to the Foreign Mission work if called. The Board is of the opinion that the foundation of a new Mission demands a man of experience and mature character. We have done all we could to increase an interest in the work of Foreign Missions, and especially to gather and disseminate information concerning the interesting field we have selected; and we are assured that there will be no difficulty in securing the support of a Missionary, and also of an assistant.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Our Treasurer's report will show a balance on hand Nov. 25, 1887, of $1,514.38. Receipts since then have been $2,022.99. There has been expended $1,342.41, leaving a balance in the treasury of $2,194.96.

We recommend that the Board be instructed to send out a Missionary as early as practicable; and that the Board be instructed and authorized to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod, $3,000 *per annum* for this work.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, your Board cannot help expressing its relief at the end of its term of office. We have been oppressed by the responsibilities devolved upon us. We know that we have made mis-

takes, though we are not conscious of wrong motives, and we have striven to deserve the confidence which our brethren in all the Synods have shown. We have been rewarded by the continual increase of annual income, and by the enlargement of our work. And in laying down a duty which has so occupied our thoughts and prayers, we invoke upon all we have done the blessing of almighty God, and commend to our successors in office the hopeful undertakings which we have served or begun.

EDWARD T. HORN,
L. K. PROBST,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN,
W. S. BOWMAN,
E. A. WINGARD,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
C. M. EFIRD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN D. CAPPELMANN, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

HOME MISSION FUND.

1887.			
Nov.	25.	Balance on hand reported at regular session at Savannah, Ga.	$ 373 18
Nov.	27.	To amt. recd. of J. N. Stirewalt, Treas. Tenn. Syn.	39 01
		To amt. from same for Cedar Grove ch.	12 10
		To amt. from same for St. James ch.	2 60
		To amt. from St. John's, Charleston, S. C.	3 74
		To amt. from Henry Seigling, sub. H. M. N. . .	25
Dec.	28.	To amt. of A Friend of Missions, Folk's Store, S. C.	5 00
		To amt. from Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., St. John's ch., Lex. Co., Rev. J. K. Efird, pastor . .	8 00
		To amt. from Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., N. C. Synod, special for Augusta . .	20 00
		To amt. charged to F. M. acct., exp. of meeting at Columbia—Probst, $8 40, Horn, $7 80	16 20
Dec.	29.	To amt. of Bethel past., Rowan Co., N. C., C. A. Rose, pastor	7 00
1888.			
Jan.	6.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. Soc., Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.—Georgia Synod . . .	49 00
"	9.	To amt. of Miss Louise Chisolm, sp. contribution	10 00
"	9.	To amt. of Dr. E. T. Horn " "	10 00
"	9.	To amt. of J. D. Cappelmann " "	10 00
"	9.	To amt. of St. John's ch., H. M. N. subs.	50
"	9.	To amt. of W. Henry Roberts, Treas. ch., H. and F. M. Soc., Savannah, Ga.	55 96

Jan.	17.	To amt. of Mrs. Harriet Horn, sp. con.	$10 00
		To amt. of St. John's S. S., Charleston	20 00
		To amt. of Rev. C. Beard, H. M. N. subs., Waynesboro, Va.	1 00
		To amt. of Mrs. Eliza Nipson, H. M. N. sub., city,	25
		To amt. of infant class, St. Barnabas	5 25
		To amt. of Dr. Geo. W. Holland, sp. con.	10 00
Jan.	23.	To amt. of Jonathan Koiner, Waynesboro, Va	5 00
"	23.	To amt. of S. Frank Patterson, China Grove, N. C.	10 00
"	23.	To amt. of Rev. J. K. Hancher, Mill Point, Tenn.	10 00
"	23.	To amt. of D. B. Strouse, Roanoke, Va.	20 00
		To amt. of Rev. J. W. Smith, Bruceton Mills, W. Va.	10 00
		To amt. of St. John's, subs. Mrs. and Miss Bonnoitt	50
		To amt. of Rev. W. B. Brown, N. C., (H. M. N.) .	1 00
"	25.	To amt. of C. D. Franke, Charleston.	20 00
"	25.	To amt. of Col. and Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Salisbury .	10 00
"	25.	To amt. of Union church, Salisbury, N. C.	15 00
"	27.	To amt. of A. Shutters, Mt. Crawford, Va.	10 00
"	27.	To amt. of Mrs. Louisa Buerhaus	10 00
"	27.	To amt. of Henry Seigling, Charleston	10 00
"	27.	To amt. of Mrs. C. Ufferhardt, Charleston	10 00
"	27.	To amt. of Wm. Hartz, Charleston	10 00
"	27.	To amt. of K. C. Stello	10 00
"	17.	To amt. of C. A. Shamon, Stephen City, Va. . . .	10 00
"	30.	To amt. of L. H. Copenhaver, Bristol, Tenn. . . .	10 00
"	30.	To amt. of 3 members St. Mark's, Charlotte, N. C.	5 00
"	30.	To amt. of J. L. Fischer, Mill Hill, N. C.	5 00
"	31.	To amt. of P. E. Wise, Mission, Prosperity, S. C. .	1 00
Feb.	1.	To amt. of J. B. Greever, Marion, Va., special. . .	10 00
"	1.	To amt. of Mrs. J. B. Greever, Marion, Va., special	2 50
"	2.	To amt. of Rev. Johannes Heckel, from St. Johannes S. S., Charleston	8 25
"	6.	To amt. of T. L. Seigle, Charlotte, N. C.	10 00
"	6.	To amt. of Capt. W. A. Barrier, Charlotte, N. C. .	3 00
		To amt. of Rev. T. S. Brown, Charlotte, N. C. . .	5 00
		To amt. of S. A. Wolff, Dallas, N. C.	2 00
		To amt. of No Name, Harrisonburg, Va.	1 00
		To amt. of J. H. Wise, Prosperity, S. C.	1 00
"	7.	To amt. of A. F. D. Hollings, Charleston	5 00
"	13.	To amt. of H. A. Cline, Culpeper, Va., (H. M.) . .	2 00
"	13.	To amt. of H. H. Riser, Etheridge, S. C.	50
"	13.	To amt. of Mrs. C. H. Blase, Charleston	10 00
"	18.	To amt. of John Rugheimer, Charleston	10 00
"	19.	To amt. of Zion S. S., Lexington Co., Tenn. Synod, for general Mission work	26 12
"	28.	To amt. of C., Winchester, Va.	10 00
"	28.	To amt. of Miss Julia Borchert, Savannah	5 00
"	28.	To amt. of H. A. Blackwell, (Mis.) Ebenezer, S. C.	1 00
"	28.	To amt. of A. H. Kohn, Prosperity, S. C.	5 04
"	28.	To amt. of Friendship ch., Alexander co., N. C., Tenn. Synod, per Rev. J. S. Koiner	1 25
Mar.	2.	To amt. of J. N. Stirewalt, Treas. Tenn. Synod, cont. of Mt. Nebo cong., Madison Co., Va.	2 57

Mar.	5.	To amt. of F. W. Cappelmann, Charleston	$10 00
"	5.	To amt. of J. B. Tidemann, Charleston	10 00
"	6.	To amt. of G. A. Setzler, Pomaria, S. C. . . .	10 00
"	12.	To amt. of Mrs. Jno. Pennywitt, Mt. Jackson, Va., sub. H. M. N.	25
"	12.	To amt. of Wm. Coffman, New Market, Va. . . .	2 00
		To amt. of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, New Market, Va.	2 00
Apr.	2.	To amt. of A. F. Curtis, sub. to M. N.	25
		To amt. of A. F. Curtis, contribution	50
		To amt. of Mrs. H. M. Tovey, sub. to M. N. . . .	25
		To amt. of F. Zobel, sub. to M. N.	50
		To amt. of Miss Pelzer, sub. to M. N.	25
		To amt. of Rev. Dr. Sheeleigh, sub. to M. N., Fort Washington, Pa.	25
		To amt. of Rev. J. B. Greever, Marion, Va.	25
		To amt. of pamphlets sold	25
		To amt. of A. W. Klutz, Heilig's Mill, N. C. . . .	1 00
		To amt. of Dr. J. D. Doscher, Salem, Va	10 00
"	7.	To amt. of St. John's S. S., Charleston	50 00
"	13.	To amt. of Rev. J. D. Shirey, Bear Poplar, N. C., from St. Luke's, Rowan Co., N. C.	5 14
		To amt. from Salem, Rowan Co., N. C.	2 36
		To amt. of D. A. Clifford and M. A. Bost, Salisbury, N. C., sub. of M. N.	50
"	23.	To amt. of J. A. Wise, Tr. Lu. S. S., Staunton, Va.	4 00
		To amt. of W. R. Brown, China Grove, N. C., letter sent Dr. H.	10 00
"	26.	To amt. of Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. C. Synod	40 00
May	2.	To amt. of Jno. A. Cline, Concord, N. C., Tr. W. H. & F. M. Soc. N. C. Synod, for Augusta . . .	160 58
		To amt. of J. B. Steel, sub. M. N.	25
		To amt. of G. W. McCarthy, Barr's Landing, S. C., sub. M. N.	25
		To amt. of J. L. Rolan, Reeder's Store, S. C. . . .	25
		To amt. of G. W. Shealy, Lexington Co., S. C., sub. M. N.	25
		To amt. of Jos. Shumperd, Lexington Co., S. C., sub. M. N.	25
		To amt. of Rev. J. M. Kyzer, Rocky Well, sub. M. N.	25
"	7.	To amt. of St. John's, Charleston, sub. M. N., Redell, 25; M. Jus, 25; St. J. Belzer, 25	75
"	19.	To amt. of H. Otto, Morgan's Glade, W. Va., 25; E. Otto Albright, Cranesville, W. Va., 25; Henry Albright, Cranesville, W. Va., 25	75
"	25.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. Soc., St. Peter's ch., Shepherdstown, W. Va., Va. Synod.	17 62
June	4.	To amt. of Holy Trinity, Hickory, N. C., J. C. Moser, for M. News	1 25
"	4.	To amt. of Zion, Catawba Co., N. C., J. C. Moser, for M. News	25
"	4.	To amt. of Rev. J. S. Moser, per W. P. Houseal . .	1 45
		To amt. of Miss Mousseau, St. J., Charleston . . .	25

	To amt. of Mrs. C. Vose	$	25
June 7.	To amt. of Julia M. Pelzer, Sec'y ch. Miss. Soc., St. Barnabas S. S., Charleston	5	00
	To amt. of Winchester, Va., Nov., '87	5	00
	To amt. of G. M. Beltzhoover, Shepherdst'n, W. Va.	10	00
	To amt. of "Cotton," Columbia, S. C.	10	00
	To amt. of Mrs. S. C. Eichelberger, Jan. 15, '88		75
	To amt. of sub. to M. N., W. H. Dent, Milnes, Va.		25
	To amt. of Mrs. Atkinson, Charleston		25
	To amt. of Mrs. Eliza Nipson, Charleston		50
	To amt. of one-half interest cash on deposit	34	53
	To amt. of Mrs. F. R. L. Shaver, Trinity, Botetourt Co., Va		25
	To amt. of Miss Ella B. Shirey, subscription, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.		25
	To amt. of Mrs. J. W. Fetzer, sub. to Miss. News, Charlotte, N. C.		25
	To amt. of J. M. Feagle, Prosperity, S. C., sub. to H. M. N.		25
	To amt. of Rev. J. A. Kiser, Hope Station, S. C.		25
	To amt. of Mrs. E. A. Haltiwanger, Columbia, S. C.		25
	To amt. of A. D. Haltiwanger, Columbia, S. C.		25
	To amt. of Mrs. L. S. Bowers, Prosperity, S. C.	1	00
	To amt. of Mrs. H. Bredenberg, Augusta, Ga.	1	00
	To amt. of Cash, Augusta, Ga.	5	00
	To amt. of Newberry Conference, S. C.	28	75
	To amt. of Concordia Church, Concord, N. C.	5	50
	To amt. of Concordia S. S., Concord, N. C.	5	00
	To amt. of Luther Mosteller, per Rev. J. F. Moser,	5	00
	To amt. of G. W. Koiner, Staunton, Va.	5	00
	To amt. of Mt. Tabor Conference	5	60
	To amt. of P. Killian, Waynesboro, Va.	10	00
	To amt. of Rev. Dr. Yonce, Salem, Va.		50
	To amt. of P. Kern, Knoxville, Tenn.	10	00
	To amt. of Rev. W. J. Smith	1	00
	To amt. of Rev. L. L. Smith	1	00
	To amt. of David Repaid, Prosperity, S. C.		25
	To amt. of Prof. J. G. Schaid, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.		25
	To amt. of F. J. Cook, Koiner's Springs, Va.		25
	To amt. of Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Campbell, Concord, N. C.	10	25
	To amt. of collection at Concord, N. C.	16	25
	To amt. of Children Miss. Soc. of Hebron Luth. Church, Madison Co., Va.	12	75
June 9.	To amt. of Rev. A. L. Crouse, Bethlehem ch., Va., Tennessee Synod	5	16
	To amt. of same from Sunday School	1	19
	To amt. of same sub. M. News	1	25
	To amt. of Rev. J. Cromer's ch., per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	3	93
	To amt. of W. H. & F. M. Soc., Ch. of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.	35	00
	To amt. of 'unknown', Charleston, S. C.	2	00

July	2.	To amt. of St. Matthew's Lu. S. S., King's Mountain, N. C., per W. A. Mauney, Supt.	$10 35
		To amt. of Mrs. J. W. Fetzer, sub. M. News, Charlotte, per Rev. Brown	25
		To amt. of Mrs. F. R. L. Shaver, Trinity, Botetourt Co., Va., sub. M. News	25
		To amt. of Miss Ella B. Shirey, Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus Co., N. C., sub. M. N	25
"	26.	To amt. of S. E. Lenton, Esq., Charlotte, N. C . .	25
"	26.	To amt. of Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., S. C. Synod	50 00
		To amts. received per Rev. L. K. Probst, Secy., A. C. Ohney, Charleston	50
		To amt. of John Letchtenwanger, Knoxville, Tenn.	1 00
		To amt. of Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Blountville, Tenn.	5 00
		To amt. of J. J. Gallman, Newberry, S. C.	1 00
		To amt. of D. B. Wheeler, Newberry, S. C	1 00
		To amt. of Rev. C. A. Marks, Prosperity, S. C. . .	5 00
		To amt. of Rev. Prof. J. B. Fox, Newberry, S. C .	2 50
		To amt. of David Bookman, Bookman P. O., S. C.	25
		To amt. of collections from St. Jacob's ch., Rev. J. K. Efird, pastor	9 31
		To amt. of Woman's Mis. Soc., Hebron Luth. ch., Madison Co., Va., Rev. J. S. Moser	25 00
		To amt. of Miss Annet Brown, Strasburg, Va. . .	25
		To amt. of Jos. W. Sonner, Strasburg, Va.	25
		To amt. of Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Concord, N. C. . . .	25
		To amt. of Mrs. A. L. Fort, Concord, N. C.	25
		To amt. of Mrs. A. M. Brown, Concord, N. C. . .	25
		To amt. of Mr. D. R. Hoover, Concord, N. C. . .	25
		To amt. of Mr. John Fink, Concord, N. C.	25
		To amt. of collection from Concord, N. C.	2 75
		To amt. of Rev. W. H. Gottwald	25
Aug.	14.	To amt. of Margaret Tanier, Riegelsville, N. J. (Mission News)	25
		To amt. of Miss Martin, News, St. John's ch. . . .	40
		To amt. of Miss Leiding, News, St. John's ch. . .	3 13
		To amt. of Miss Bachman, News, St. John's ch. . .	25
		To amt. of Mrs. Horn, News, St. John's ch. . . .	25
		To amt. of Mrs. Cobia, News, St. John's ch. . . .	1 00
		To amt. of Louisa Chisolm, News, St. John's ch. .	25
		To amt. of N. N. of Tenn. Synod	10 00
Sep.	3.	To amt. of Rev. I. Conder's ch., Stony Man, Page Co., Va., per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	3 07
"	3.	To amt. of Mrs. P. L. Terry, Treas. W. H. and F. M. Soc., Roanoke, Va., (S. W. Va. Synod) . . .	19 91
Oct.	11.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Grace ch., Winchester, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas. for General Fund	30 00
		To amt. of New Market W. H. and F. M. S., per Fannie O. Brown	5 75

		To amt. of T. W. Holloway, con. of Dr. F. M. Setzler, Roseborough, Laurens Co., S. C.	$ 1 00
		To amt. of Mrs. F. W. Holloway	1 25
Oct.	22.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S. of Immanuel E. L. ch., (ch. of Dr. A. J. Brown) Tenn.	14 00
		To amt. of Dr. A. J. Brown	2 50
Oct.	23.	To amt. of members St. John's, Charleston	1 70
"	23.	To amt. of S. S., St. Johannes, Charleston	4 27
		To amt. of Sunday Collections, per Rev. Probst, already acknowledged in Mission News Sept. 15, '88, Richmond ch.	10 00
		To amt. of Grace ch. S. S., Richmond, per H. E. Grosh	6 60
		To amt. of Col. at S. W. Va. Synod	5 78
		To amt. of L. T. Brown, Richmond, Va.	25
		To amt. of Miss M. Brown, Richmond, Va.	25
		To amt. of Mrs. F. Bingham, Roanoke, Va.	25
		To amt. of Rev. C. A. Miller, Salem, Va.	25
		To amt. of Sunday Collections, per Rev. L. K. Probst, Gen'l Sec'y, since August 15, 1888:	
		To amt. of Enochville Conf., per Rev. W. A. Lutz,	5 50
		To amt. of College Chapel ch., Dallas, N. C., per Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D.	15 00
		To amt. of L. M. Hoffman	25
Oct.	25.	To amt. of J. R. W. Sease, care of C. P. Boozer	25
		To amt. of J. E. B. McCartha, care C. P. Boozer.	25
		To amt. of J. D. Addy, care C. P. Boozer.	25
		To amt. of A. E. Derrick, care C. P. Boozer	25
Oct.	30.	To amt. of C. M. Efird, Lexington	10 00
		To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S. of ——— cong., I. P. Hawkins	5 00
Nov.	1.	To amt. of Children's Soc. at Laurel Hill, Ga., per Miss Mattie C. Groover	9 00
		To amt. of Mrs. Geo. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. and F. M. S., S. C. Synod	225 00
Nov.	1.	To amt. from Rev. L. K. Probst, Tr. Children's Mis. Soc., S. C. Synod	124 33
"	15.	To amt. from C. Wulbern	10 00
		To amt. of Miss Margaret Tomey, Finesville, Warren Co., N. J.	30
		To amt. collected at China Grove, per Rev. J. L. Buck	3 17
		To amt. of J. M. Hendrix, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	1 00
"	15.	To amt. of Hon. H. S. Trout, Tr. S. W. Va. Synod	100 00
"	24.	To amt. of Rev. V. R. Stickley, from Va. Synod	179 50
Dec.	1.	To amt. of Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. John's ch., Lexington Co., J. K. Efird, pastor	20 00
"	7.	To amt. of W. H. & F. M. Soc., Ebenezer cong., Columbia, for Knoxville Books of Worship	3 00
"	8.	To amt. of W. E. Brown, Bear Poplar, N. C.	5 00
		To amt. of M. A. Cline, New Market, Va., sub. M. N.	25
		To amt. of Miss Sallie C. Kagey, New Market, Va., sub. M. N.	25

Oct.	8.	To amt. of G. M. Beltzhoover, Shepherdstown, W. Va., sub. M. N	$ 25
		To amt. of J. H. Zittle, Shepherdstown, W. Va., sub. M. N	25
		To amt. of Miss E. S. Hamne, Shepherdstown, W. Va., sub. M N	25
		To amt. of Miss Ida Folk, Shepherdstown, W. Va. sub. M. N.	25
		To amt. of W. H. & F. M. Soc., Ch. of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Ga. Synod's Apportionment	102 00
		To amt. of Luther Chapel S. S., Newberry, S. C. .	10 20
		To amt. of Henry Seigling for Knoxville, Tenn. .	1 00
		To amt. of Capt. D. G. Wayne for Knoxville, Tenn.	5 00
		To amt. of C. H. Schmonsees for Knoxville, Tenn.	3 00
		To amt. of St. Julian Belzer, sub. H. M. N	25
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Jan.	2.	To amt. of Prof. A. G. Voigt for Knoxville	2 00
"	4.	To amt. of Jonathan Koiner, Waynesboro.	1 00
"	4.	To amt. of Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, Shepherdstown, W. Va., from Luth. S. S. for Knoxville Mission,	10 00
"	5.	To amt. of L. M. Hoffman, Dallas, N. C., for Knoxville	10 00
"	5.	To amt. of H. Bullwinkle & Co., for Knoxville . .	5 00
"	7.	To amt. of J. A. Wise, from S. S. Christ E. L. ch., Staunton, Va., for Knoxville, $5 00; general work, $4 15	9 15
"	10.	To amt. of Bethlehem ch., Pomaria, per Col. T. W. Holloway, for Knoxville	5 00
		To amt. for Knoxville from W. H. and F. M. S. of St. John's, Concord, N. C.	25 00
"	11.	To amt. of Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. and F. M. S., S. C. Synod	25 00
		To amt. of Books of Worship for Knoxville. . . .	4 00
"	11.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., St. Matthew Luth. ch., New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas. Ex. Comm. W. H. and F. M. S., Va. Synod	11 88
		To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Grace ch., Winchester, Va., per same	18 15
"	15.	To amt. of Rev. C. A. Rose for Knoxville, Tenn., from Bethel and St. Paul chs., Rowan Co., N. C.	6 00
"	16.	To amt. of J. C. Levin, Salisbury, N. C.	25
		To amt. of C. M. Poole, Salisbury, N. C.	25
		To amt. of Ellen Kesler, Salisbury, N. C.	25
		To amt. of Miss McClanahan, Salem, Va., sub. . .	25
"	16.	To amt. from Rev. J. W. Strickler, Salisbury, N. C.	10 00
		To sundry amts. received per Sec'y, as follows:	
		Rev. M. L. Little, Dallas, N. C.	25 00
		Miss C. A. Crickenberger, Weyer's Cave	5 13
		Miss Olivia Bowers, Mrs. S. A. Riser, Mrs. Ed. Scholtz, Mrs. W. C. Schaefer, and Mrs. P. Robertson, Newberry, S. C., subs.	1 25
		Rev. H. S. Wingard, Mrs. E. Seckenger, J. C. Sherhouse, Miss Susie Seckenger, Rev. M. J. Epting,	

		of Springfield, Ga., subs , 25 cts. each	$ 1 25
		To amt. of Rev. M. L. Little, Dallas, N. C	25 00
		To amt. of Rev. Asa Richards, Lebanon pastorate, Va. Synod, for Knoxville	4 60
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		St. Peter's church, Rev. J. A. Cromer	7 00
		Zion church, Rev. J. A. Cromer	2 00
		Emmanuel's church, Rev. J. A. Cromer	2 00
		St. Andrew's church, Rev. J. A. Cromer	2 00
		Mt. Calvary church, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	2 00
		St. Peter's church, Rev. J. K. Efird	13 30
		St. John's church, Rev. J. K. Efird	12 60
		St. Jacob's church, Rev. J. K. Efird	5 45
		St. Thomas' church, Rev. J. K. Efird	6 65
		Sunday school of St. Peter's, Rev. J. K. Efird . . .	17 58
		Sunday school of St. John's, Rev. J. K. Efird . . .	9 80
		Sunday school of St. Jacob's, Rev. J. K. Efird. . .	14 72
		Sunday school of St. Thomas, Rev. J. K. Efird . .	1 20
		To amt. of Rev. P. C. Wike to buy lot in Knoxville	5 50
		To amt. of Rev. D. M. Moser, for Augusta	10 00
Jan.	17.	To amt. of Rev. J. D. Shirey, Bear Poplar, N. C., contributions as follows :	
		St. Luke's church and H. & F. M. Soc.	11 50
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		To amt. of Rev. J. W. Strickler, Salisbury, N. C., subs. of Mrs. J. C. Linn, Mrs. C. H. Pool, and Ellen Kessler, Salisbury, N. C.	75
		To amt. special for Augusta	2 00
		To amt. of St. Matthew's and Mt. Lebanon Mis. Soc. per Dr. Hawkins, pastor, Orangeburg Co., S. C., for Knoxville lot	10 00
Jan.	23.	To amt. of Grace ch., Winchester, Va., for Augusta Mission Memorial Window to W. B. Baker, dec'd, supt. Grace Church Sunday-school	25 00
"	24.	To amt. of C. D. Franke, Charleston, G. H. F. . .	20 00
		To amt. of C. D. Franke, sub. to Mission News . .	25
"	28.	To amt. of Rev. D. M. Moser, Shepherdstown, W. Va	42 50
Feb.	2.	To amt. of St. John's Sunday-school, Charleston .	25 00
		To amt. of members of St. John's, Charleston . . .	14 67
		To amt. of sub. to M. N.,—R. G. Chisholm, Charleston, 25 ; Louise E. Chisholm, 25 ; Mrs. Owens, 25 ; Rev. J. S. Koiner, Conover, N. C., 25; Rev. A. L. Yount, 25	1 25
		To amt. of one-half interest on deposits	12 23

Feb.	2.	To amt. of L. A. Bikle, Dallas, N. C.: Philadelphia ch., N. C., $15; Dallas, N. C., $5—for Knoxville	$ 20 00
		To amt. of V. R. Stickley, Treas. Virginia Synod .	150 00
		To amt. of Organ ch., Rowan Co., N. C.	1 55
"	12.	To amt. of A. F. D. Hollings, Charleston, per Rev. Johannes Heckel, Pastor	5 00
"	13.	To amt. of W. M. S. of Melanchthon Chapel, per Mrs. C. A. Crickenberger, Weyer's Cave, Va . .	8 00
"	18.	To amt. of Mr. O. Tiedeman, M. News	1 00
"	25.	To amt. of St. John's Miss. Soc., Bridgewater, Va.	4 00
"	26.	To amt. of Annie R. Swygert, Selwood, S. C., for subscription to Mission News	1 26
"	26.	To amt. of Miss Julia Shirey, for Mission News, per L. K. Probst	1 00
"	26.	To amt. of Children's F. & H. M. Society, Hebron E. L. Church, per L. K. Probst	15 00
Mar.	2.	To amt. of Miss Hattie A. Cain, Mill Point, Tenn., Immanuel S. S. Mis. Society for Home Missions	5 02
"	2.	To amt. of J. H. E. Steeling, subs. Mission News .	25
"	2.	To amt. of St. John's Chapel, Charleston	5 00
"	10.	To amt. of Dr. A. J. Brown, Blountville, Tenn. . .	3 00
		To amt. of Miss Coley, Rural Retreat, Va.	25
		To amt. of Mrs. Eliza Nipson, Charleston	50
"	14.	To amt. of M. Maude Zinker, Sallie A. Rhodes, Rockingham Co., Va., per Rev. I. P. Hawkins .	4 00
"	15.	To amt. of Joseph Feather, Lexox P.O., W. Va., sub.	25
"	23.	To amt. of Mrs. Frost and Walton, Mission N. . .	50
"	25.	To amt. of Capt. J. D. Fisher, Salisbury, N. C., Mission News	1 00
"	25.	To amt. of Mrs. M. A. R. Sticker, Concord, N. C., Mission News	25
"	25.	To amt. of Glade Creek, Pine Grove, Zion, Kittinger's Chapel, and Lowndes congregations, per Rev. J. W. Butler	8 37
Apr.	1.	To amt. of Rev. E. A. Wingard, Columbia, S. C. .	5 00
		To amt. of Misses Martin, Charleston, S. C., News	1 00
		To amt. of Louise Chisolm, Charleston, M. News	25
		To amt. of Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Fort Washington, Pa., Mission News	25
"	5.	To amt. of Miss C. Muller, Columbia, S. C., 12 copies Mission News	3 00
"	10.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., St. Luke's ch., Rev. J. D. Shirey, pastor's name on pew for Augusta, per Mrs. Heilig	10 00
"	11.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., S. C. Synod, through Mrs. G. W. Holland	50 00
"	11.	To amt. of John C. H. Fellers, Mission News . . .	25
"	24.	To amt. of H. A. K., Winnsboro, S. C	50
"	24.	To amt. of Wentworth St. Luth. Church, special Easter offering	72 14
"	27.	To amt. of St. John's S. S., J. K. Efird's charge, Pomaria, S. C.	15 00
"	27.	To amt. of Wm. Hartz, Charleston, S. C.	10 00

May	3.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Immanuel ch., Blountville, Tenn., Rev. A. J. Brown, pastor . .	$ 13	12
"	3.	To amt. of Eli Bowles, Cleveland, N. C., M. News		25
"	3.	To amt. of J. D. Schneck, Watsonville, N. C., M. N.		25
"	3.	To amt. of J. E. Biggs, Manning, N. C., M. N. . .		25
"	3.	To amt. of Adolph E. Bost, Manning, N. C., M. N.		25
"	3.	To amt. of Children's Miss. Soc., Salem church, additional, per J. D. Shirey, Bear Poplar, N. C.	1	00
Apr.	27.	To amt. of Eng. cong., Knoxville, Tenn., per Rev. Probst	32	60
May	7.	To amt. of St. Johannes S. S., Charleston	1	76
"	7.	To amt. of Miss L. Schroder, Easter offering . . .		50
"	11.	To amt. of Officers and Teachers Grace ch. S. S., Winchester, Va.	28	35
"	11.	To amt. of St. John's ch., Charleston, S. C	7	00
"	17.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Ev. L. Synod of N. C., per Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas.	361	74
"	17.	To amt. of Mr. R. T. Lanier, per same, for Augusta Mission, $5 00; Richmond Mission, $5 00 . . .	10	00
"	18.	To amt. of E. A. Rawl, Pleasant, S. C., M. News,		25
"	18.	To amt. of Mrs. Holland, Treas. W. H. and F. M. S., Newberry, S. C.	50	00
"	18.	To amt. of Children's Miss. Soc., (certificates) per B. S. Brown, Madison C. H., Va.	7	00
		To amt. of Hebron W. H. and F. M. S., for 6 mos. ending May 31, 1889, per same	20	00
"	18.	To amt. of Augusta Mission, "from a friend of our work," per same	5	00
"	21.	To amt. of St. John's S. S., Charleston, S. C. . . .	25	00
"	21.	To amt. of Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Charleston . .	5	00
"	22.	To amt. of Children's H. and F. M. S. of St. Mark's church, Charlotte, N. C.	25	00
"	23.	To amt. of Mission Church, Knoxville	27	50
June	1.	To amt. of P. N. Heilig, Treas. E. L. Synod of N. C.	67	57
		To amt. of same, supplement Synodical Funds . .	21	14
"	20.	To amt. of S. W. Va. Synod, per H. S. Trout, Tr.	50	00
"	27.	To amt. of Bethany Miss. S. S., Rockbridge Co., Va., per Rev. J. M. Schreckhise	5	00
July	1.	To amt. of J. D. Printz, Mission News		25
		To amt. of J. E. Shenk's charge, through J. N. Stirewalt	6	94
"	6.	To amt. of Fannie O. Brown, Treas. W. H. and F. M. S., Va. Synod, Winchester, Va., to be used as Board may direct	29	48
		To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., St. Matthew Luth. ch., New Market, Va., through Fannie O. Brown, Treas.,—rec'd April 2, '89	4	41
		To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Grace Luth. ch., Winchester, Va., through same—rec'd April 2, '89	27	29
"	11.	To amt. of Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. and F. M. S. of S. C.	50	00

July	15.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Hebron E. L. ch., per Rev. B. S. Brown, (through Rev. Probst) . .	$ 10 00
"	15.	To amt. of Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., (through Rev. Probst)	2 00
"	15.	To amt. of Miss Callie Summers, Prosperity, S. C., Mission News	25
"	15.	To amt. of Martin Harr, Mission News.	1 00
"	18.	To amt. of Mrs. A. G. Wise, Prosperity, S. C., M. N.	25
"	18.	To amt. of Miss Laura McFall, " " "	25
"	18.	To amt. of Mrs. A. M. Wyse, " " "	25
"	18.	To amt. of Mrs. C. A. Marks, " " "	25
"	18.	To amt. of Miss Lillian Luther, " " "	25
"	19.	To amt. of St. John's S. S., Charleston, S. C. . . .	25 00
"	19.	To amt. of St. John's cong., Charleston, S. C. . .	6 75
Aug.	1.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., N. C. Synod, 1st quarter, per Mrs. Heilig	39 56
"	5.	To amt. of A Lady in St. John's ch., Charleston. .	3 16
"	19.	To amt. of Pleasant Wise Lutz, Rowan Co., N. C., Rufus Lafort, Watsonville, Rowan Co., N. C., and Daniel A. Sifford, Salisbury, N. C., per Rev. J. D. Shirey, sub. to Mission News	85
"	21.	To amt. of H. H. Riser, Treas. S. S. Con., Conf. S C. Synod	3 20
"	24.	To amt. of Rev. Probst, pr. Tr. Knoxville ch., on acct. his salary	31 30
Oct.	3.	To amt. of Zion ch., Lexington, S. C., per C. M. Efird	11 75
"	11.	To amt. of J. A. Wise, Treas. Christ Evang. Luth. S. S. of Staunton, Va.	10 20
"	12.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., St. Matthew ch., New Market, to be used as Board may direct . .	6 24
		To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Grace Luth ch., Winchester, Va.	17 71
"	19.	To amt. of sale of cut flowers by Misses Wessinger, of Ebenezer ch., Columbia, Rev. M. M. Kinard,	2 30
"	22.	To amt. of Rev. L. K. Probst, Treas. Ch. Miss. Soc., S. C. Synod	49 55
"	22.	To amt. of Mission at Knoxville, per Rev. L. K. Probst	14 20
"	22.	To amt. of David Rikard, 25; Mrs. N. E. Young, 25; Rev. M. J. Epting, 25; sub. to M, News. . .	75
"	24.	To amt. of Mrs. G. W. Holland, Newberry, S. C., from W. H. and F. M. S., S. C. Synod	300 00
"	24.	To amt. of Miss Mabel Zinkle, Bridgewater, Va., per I. P. Hawkins	1 22
"	24.	To amt. of Miss Laura Shand, Bridgewater, Va . .	1 26
"	24.	To amt. of Miss Bettie Rhodes, Bridgewater, Va. .	1 37
"	24.	To amt. of Miss. Soc. of Frieden cong., same . . .	4 41
"	31.	To amt. of Capt. Wm. Jennings, Brownwood, Terrell Co., Ga., Treas. E. L. Synod of Ga., per Rev. Bowman	100 00
"	31.	To amt. of Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. and F. M. S., E. L. Synod of N. C.	60 40

Sept. 19.	To amt. of Knoxville ch., on pastor's salary. . . .	$ 16	10
	To amt. of Rev. B. S. Brown	5	00
	To amt. of Sunday-school at Morristown		75
Nov. 12.	To amt. of G. M. Beltzhoover, supt. Luth. S. S., Shepherdstown, W. Va., con. for 1889	8	15
" 13.	To amt. of Rev. J. L. Derrick, Miss. Synod	40	00
	Balanced	$5 218	43

1887.		Cr.		
Dec.		By amt. paid Rev. Probst, exp. to Savannah . . .	6	15
"		By amt. paid Rev. Horn, exp. to Savannah	6	15
"	13.	By amt. paid Mr. C. M. Efird, exp. to Savannah .	13	15
"	13.	By amt. paid Maj. H. A. Meetze, exp. to Savannah	11	65
"	13.	By amt. paid Rev. Probst, exp. to meeting at Columbia	8	40
"	13.	By amt. paid Rev. Horn, exp. to meeting at Columbia	7	80
"	19.	By amt. paid Rev. Wingard, exp. to meeting at Savannah	6	00
"	19.	By amt. paid E. E. Barclay to Dec. 31, '87	25	00
"	19.	By amt. paid J. H. Von Sprecken, Sec'y Augusta Mission	300	00
"	28.	By amt. paid Lucas & Richardson, H. M. News . .	46	05
"	28.	By amt. paid Remittance to Augusta, special from Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas., &c.	20	00
1888.				
Jan.	6.	By amt. paid Dr. W. S. Bowman, exp. to Columbia, attending meeting of Board	14	00
"	9.	By amt. paid postage for circulars for sp. con. . .	10	00
"	17-18.	By amt. paid postage for circulars	5	00
"	23.	By amt. paid Rev. Horn	2	25
"	24.	By amt. paid J. H. E. Stelling, printing circulars,	18	55
Feb.	17.	By amt. paid Augusta Mission	250	00
"	28.	By amt. paid for cut for Mission News	3	42
Mar.	6.	By amt. paid James & Hanzsche bill (½) and ex.,	12	00
		By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, salary as Sec'y . .	100	00
"	29.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, salary as Sec'y, ½	50	00
"	31.	By amt. paid Lucas & Richardson, ½ bill printing Mission News	45	45
		By amt. paid Rev. E. C. Barclay	25	00
"	31.	By amt. paid exchange on drafts		20
"	31.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, visiting Richmond	10	00
		By amt. paid exchange on Savannah draft		15
		By amt. paid for stamps		75
		By amt. paid for telegram, Augusta		55
		By amt. paid sundry fees for collections to date . .		85
June	15.	By amt. paid Rev. Probst, ½ salary, 2 mos. to date	100	00
		By amt. paid Rev. Probst, ½ traveling expenses .	41	55
"	30.	By amt. paid ½ bill Lucas & Richardson, printing Mission News	45	47

June 30.	By amt. paid expenses Rev. Dr. Horn and self to meeting at Lexington, S. C., ½ to For. M. acc't	$ 8	35
	By amt. paid same Rev. E. A. Wingard, ½ do. . .		65
	By amt. remitted to Augusta	300	00
Aug. 13.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, salary to July 15 .	50	00
	By amt. paid Rev. S. T. Hallman		25
	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, traveling expenses	21	64
Sept. 15.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, ½ traveling expenses to S. W. Va. Synod, Va. Synod, Richmond, Pembroke, &c.	18	25
" 15.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, ½ salary to Aug. 15, '88	50	00
" 28.	By amt. paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Mis. Augusta .	25	00
	By amt. paid ½ expenses Genl. Secy., Knoxville, Enochville and Dallas—$14.00	7	00
	By amt. paid ½ Hot Springs to Knoxville and return—$5.12	2	56
	By amt. paid ½ board and lodging—$6.00	3	00
Nov. 5.	By amt. paid Augusta Mission to J. H. Von Spreckeen, Sec'y, in full of balance of $2500	150	00
" 15.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, exp. to Knoxville, China Grove, and Mt. Pleasant, one-half	17	20
	By amt. paid his salary to Oct. 15, '88	50	00
	By amt. paid his salary to Sept. 15, '88	50	00
	By amt. paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, salary.	25	00
Dec. 26.	By amt. paid Lucas & Richardson, printing Mission News, &c., (½ to For. Miss.)	25	69
" 26.	By amt. paid Lucas & Richardson, sundry printing	6	84
1889.			
	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, ½ exp. to Georgia Synod, to Atlanta, to Knoxville, S. C. Synod, Rev. J. K. Efird's charge, to Nov. 15, '88	22	33
	By amt. paid him his salary, ½ to For. Miss. acct.	50	00
Jan. 23.	By amt. paid Treas. Augusta Mission, con. of Rev. J. W. Strickler	2	00
	By amt. of Rev. D. M. Moser	10	00
	By amt. of Grace Church, for memorial window to W. B. Baker, supt.	25	00
Feb. 2.	By amt. paid Sec'y, ½ salary to Dec. 15, '88. . . .	50	00
	By amt. paid Sec'y, ½ salary to Jan. 15, '89. . . .	50	00
	By amt. transferred to sp. acct., Knoxville Mission	107	30
	By amt. paid ½ sundry exchange		56
" 7.	By amt. paid Rev. Horn, telegram		55
	By amt. paid Rev. Horn, to be remitted to Richmond Mission	1000	00
	By amt. paid exchange on above	1	00
	By amt. paid exchange on Rev. Moser's checks . .		40
" 14.	By amt. transferred to Knoxville, amt. from Rev. L. A. Bikle	20	00
" 23.	By amt. paid J. S. Moser, sundry expenses	1	23
Mar. 22.	By amt. paid ½ bill Lucas, Richardson & Co., for printing Mission News	41	15
" 23.	By amt. paid Dr. S. T. Hallman	25	00

Apr.	11.	By amt. paid ½ exchange on Shenandoah check .	$	10
"	12.	By amt. paid exchange on Salisbury check		15
"	11.	By amt. paid ½ salary, paid Sec'y L. K. Probst, on acct., (½ to For. Miss.)	75	00
"	27.	By amt. paid ½ salary, paid Sec'y L. K. Probst, to April 15, '89, (½ to For. Miss.)	75	00
"	27.	By amt. paid exchange on N. Y. check		25
May	16.	By amt. paid for stamps to date—315 @ 2c. . . .	6	30
"	24.	By amt. paid Rev. Probst, salary to 15th inst. . . .	100	00
July	2.	By amt. paid Rev. Probst, salary to June 15 . .	100	00
May	27.	By amt. paid Augusta Mis., amt. from R. T. Lanier	10	00
		By amt. paid do. from a friend of our work	5	00
		By amt. paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, salary	25	00
		By amt. paid exchange on chk., Mrs. Heilig . . .		50
June	22.	By amt. paid exchange on chk., Roanoke, Va. . .		12
July	10.	By amt. paid printing Mission News, (½ to For. M.)	40	93
		By amt. paid exchange on chk., Winchester, Va. .		10
"	15.	By amt. paid exchange on chk., Rev. Probst . . .		07
Aug.	5.	By amt. paid postage, Lucas & Richardson		08
"	9.	By amt. paid Rev. Probst, salary, July 15, '89. . .	100	00
Aug.	24.	By amt. paid Rev. Probst, his salary to 15th. . . .	100	00
Sep.	12	By amt. paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Augusta, sal. .	25	00
Oct.	12.	By amt. paid printing Mission News, ½ to F. M. .	41	43
"	22.	By amt. paid Rev. Probst, salary to 15th	100	00
		By amt. paid Rev. Probst, salary to Sept. 15 . . .	100	00
"	24.	By amt. paid exchange, N. Y. check		40
Nov.	8.	By amt. paid Rev. Probst, his expenses attending S. C. and Ga. Synods	25	74
Sep.	19.	By amt. paid exp. of Sec'y Probst to Va. and Holston Synods	25	20
		Printing children's certs., &c	14	00
1889.			$4	398 61
Nov.	13.	Balance on hand	819	82
		Balanced	$5	218 43

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN D. CAPPELMANN, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS UNITED SYNOD E. L. CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

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1887.				
Nov.	25.	To balance on hand, reported at regular meeting of Synod at Savannah	$1	514 38
1888.				
Jan.	7.	To amt. of J. N. Stirewalt, Treas. Tenn. Synod. . .	9	75
"	21.	To amt. of J. S. Moser, special cont. for support of native candidate for the Quitman ministry at Monrovia, Africa	25	00

Feb.	6.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., for N. C. Synod, per Mrs. J. A. Cline, Treas.	$ 29 55
Mar.	2.	To amt. of J. N. Stirewalt, Treas. Tenn. Synod, (Mt. Nebo cong., Madison Co., Va.)	2 27
		Y. M. C. A., Roanoke College, Salem, Va.	4 50
Apr.	2.	To amt. of Mrs. A. F. Curtis	50
May	4.	To amt. of C. B. Gnann, Treas. Children's Foreign Miss. Soc., Jerusalem ch., Springfield, Ga. . . .	11 38
"	4.	To amt. of Mrs. Jno. A. Cline, Concord, N. C., Treas. W. H. and F. M. S., N. C. Synod	40 18
"	18.	To amt. of P. N. Heilig, Treas. E. L. Synod N. C.,	185 11
"	25.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., St. Peter's ch., Shepherdstown, W. Va.,—Va. Synod	17 63
June	1.	To amt. of C. E. Freyermuth, for Children's For. Miss. Soc., Bethel Luth. ch.	21 25
		To amt. of one-half int. on deposit	34 53
		To amt. of Rev. D. P. Crickenberger's ch., Salem,	2 43
		To amt. of Melanchthon Chapel	6 35
		To amt. of S. W. Va. Conference	5 22
July	20.	To amt. of W. A. Dascher, from Children's Miss. Soc., Zion ch., Effingham Co., Ga.	6 78
Aug.	13.	To amt. of Henry Baetjer, Tr. Grace Ev. Luth. Ch. of Winchester, Va.	100 00
"	20.	To amt. of Rev. L. G. M. Miller, for Woman's Mis. Soc., Winchester, Va	50 00
Sept.	3.	To amt. of Rev. I. Conder's charge, per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Stony Man, Page Co., Va.	3 08
Sept.	3.	To amt. of Mrs. P. L. Terry, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. W. Va. Synod:	
		For Muhlenberg Mission	12 65
		For Japan	5 00
		For Hospital in India	6 55
		For Foreign Missions	24 39
Oct.	31.	To amt. of W. H. & F. M. Soc., congregation, I. P. Hawkins, Pastor, Bridgewater	8 00
Nov.	1.	To amt. of Maj. P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod . .	8 45
		To amt. of Miss Mary V. McClanahan	25 00
Nov.	24.	To amt. of V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod . . .	70 50
1889.			
Jan.	7.	To amt. of W. H. Roberts, Treas. Ch. Mis. Society, Savannah, Ga.	35 36
"	19.	To amt. of V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod, cont. of Rev. J. S. Moser, for Beneficiary Muhlenberg Mission, Africa	25 00
		To amt. of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treas. Tenn. Syd.:	
		Cedar Grove Church—Rev. E. L. Lybrand's . . .	3 00
		St. Peter's Ch., Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge	3 00
		Zion Ch., Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge	1 00
		Emmanuel Ch., Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge. . . .	1 00
		St. Andrew's Ch., Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge. . .	1 00
		Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's ch.	3 00
		Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's, Mt. Calvary ch.	2 00
		Rev. J. K. Efird's ch., St. Peter's	3 90

		St. John's	$ 5 00
		St. Jacob's	10
		St. Peter's S. S., Rev. J. K. Efird	8 00
		St. Jacob's S. S., Rev. J. K. Efird	8 00
Jan.	23.	To amt. of Henry Baetjer, Treas. Grace ch., Winchester, Va., for Foreign Mission	100 00
		From Grace ch. S. S.	25 00
"	28.	To amt. of Rev. D. M. Moser, Shepherdstown, W. Va.	50
		To amt. of Miss A. J. Rinker, Keezletown, Va., omitted March 26, '88	10 00
		To amt. of one-half interest on deposits	12 23
Mar.	2.	To amt. of Mrs. Hattie A. Cain, Mill Point, Tenn., Immanuel S. S. Miss. Soc.	15 83
"	11.	To amt. of C. A. Crickenberger, Sect. Melanchthon Chapel, Weyer's Cave, Va.	2 54
Apr.	22.	To amt. of Wentworth St. Luth. ch., Charleston, special Easter collection	10 00
May	3.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Immanuel church, Blountville, Tenn., Rev. A. J. Brown, pastor	13 13
"	7.	To amt. of Miss L. Schroder, Easter offering	50
"	7.	To amt. of Mabel Smith	05
"	11.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., St. Peter's church, Shepherdstown, W. Va., per Rev. D. M. Moser,	20 00
"	11.	To amt. of Officers and Teachers Grace Ch. S. S., Winchester, Va.	28 35
"	13.	To amt. of Wentworth street Luth. ch. S. S., for support of student for Gospel ministry in school in India for 1 year, to be forwarded to Rev. Geo. Scholl, D. D., 1005 W. Lanvale St., Balt., Md.	25 00
"	15.	To amt. of Children's For. Miss. Soc. of Jerusalem ch., Effingham Co., Ga., per C. B. Guann.	9 13
"	17.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Ev. Luth. Synod N. C., per Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas.	161 73
"	18.	To amt. of Hebron W. H. and F. M. S., for 6 mos. ending May 31, '89, per B. S. Brown, Madison C. H., Va.	20 00
"	24.	To amt. of Rev. V. R. Stickley, Treas., Waynesboro, Va. Synod	15 00
"	30.	To amt. of P. J. Sherhouse, Treas. Ch. F. M. S., Bethel ch., Springfield, Ga.	21 00
June	1.	To amt. of P. N. Heilig, Treas. E. L. Synod N. C.	214 36
"	20.	To amt. of S. W. Va. Synod, per H. S. Trout, Tr.	50 00
"	27.	To amt. of Brownsburg S. S., Rockbridge Co., Va., per Rev. J. M. Schreckhise	5 00
"	27.	To amt. of Rev. V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod,	50 00
July	1.	To amt. of Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge, through Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Stony Man, Page Co., Va.,	19 89
		To amt. of Rev. J. E. Shenk's charge, through Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	6 95
"	15.	To amt. of W. H. & F. M. Soc., Hebron E. L. ch., per Rev. B. S. Brown, (through Rev. Probst)	10 00

Aug.	1.	To amt. of W. H. & F. M. Soc. of N. C. Synod, through Mrs. Heilig	$	30 41
"	23.	To amt. of Grace ch. of Winchester, Va., through Rev. L. G. M. Miller		125 00
Sept.	4.	To amt. of C. A. Crickenberger, for W. F. M. S. of Melanchthon Chapel		7 00
"	7.	To amt. of Mrs. P. L. Terry, Treas. W. M. S., S. W. Va. Synod		83 76
		To amt. for Muhlenberg Mission		1 40
		To amt. for Steamboat for M. Day		10 00
Oct.	3.	To amt. of Rev. R. A. Yoder, per C. M. Efird		5 00
"	14.	To amt. of Katie Leiding's quilt		1 00
"	19.	To amt. of sale "cut" flowers, by Misses Wessinger, Ebenezer ch., Columbia, Rev. M. M. Kinard		5 00
"	22.	To amt. of Rev. L. K. Probst, Treas. Ch. Miss. Soc., S. C. Synod		49 55
"	24.	To amt. of Miss Mable Zinkle, Bridgewater, Va., per I. P. Hawkins		1 22
"	24.	To amt. of Miss Laura Shank, per I. P. Hawkins		1 26
"	24.	To amt. of Miss Bettie Rhodes, per I. P. Hawkins,		1 37
"	24.	To amt. of Mis. Soc., Frieden cong., per same.		4 42
"	31.	To amt. of Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Tr. W. H. & F. M. Soc., Ev. L. Synod, N. C.		35 00
		Balanced	$3	537 37

1887. Cr.

Dec.	28.	By amt. paid exp. of Revs. Horn, $7 80; Probst, $8 40; visiting Columbia meeting	$	16 20
1888.				
Jan.	17.	By amt. paid sub. Miss. Herald and Gospel in all lands, 1 year		2 50
		By amt. paid Missionary Map of Japan		75
		By amt. paid Almanac American Board		10
		By amt. paid Missionary Review		2 00
Jan.	23.	By amt. paid O. F. Lantz, Rev. J. S. Moser's cont. for pupil in India of Sept., '87		25 00
		Pupil in Africa of 21st inst		25 00
Mar.	6.	By amt. paid ½ James & Hanzsche bill		12 05
"	29.	By amt. paid ½ salary Rev. L. K. Probst, Sec'y.		50 00
"	31.	By amt. paid ½ Lucas & Richardson bill, printing Mission News		45 48
Apr.	2.	By amt. paid Lucas & Richardson, 50 copies maps of Japan		1 00
"	23.	By amt. paid bill James & Hanzsche		10 50
"	27.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, 1 mos. salary		100 00
		By amt. paid exp. Mr. Probst, Feb. 9, '88		34 30
		By amt. paid J. H. E. Stelling, printing exp		7 50
		By amt. paid exchange on Heilig check		50
June	15.	By amt. paid ½ Rev. Probst 2 mos. salary to date,		100 00
		By amt. paid ½ Rev. Probst expenses		41 55

June	30.	By amt. paid ½ Lucas & Richardson printing bill	$ 45	46
		By amt. paid exp. Rev. Dr. Horn and self to meeting at Lexington, ½ to Home Missions	8	35
		By amt. paid exp. Rev. E. A. Wingard to same, ½ to Home Missions		65
Aug.	13.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, salary to July 15, 1888, ½	50	00
		By amt. paid same, traveling expenses, ½	21	64
Sept.	15.	By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, ½ salary, due Aug. 15, '88	50	00
"	15.	By amt. paid ½ his exp. to Richmond, S. W. Va. Synod, Va. Synod, Pembroke	18	25
		By amt. paid ½ sundry exp. General Sec'y, see Home Mission account	12	56
Nov.	15.	By amt. paid Sec'y, Rev. L. K. Probst, expenses to Knoxville, China Grove, and Mt. Pleasant, ½ to Home Mission account	17	20
		By amt. paid his salary to Oct. 15, '88	50	00
"	26.	By amt. paid him, salary to Sept. 15, '88	50	00
Dec.	26.	By amt. paid Lucas & Richardson, printing Mission News, ½ to H. M. account	25	69
"	26.	By amt. paid Lucas & Richardson, printing sundry matters, ½ to H. M. account	6	84
Jan.	10.	By amt. paid exp. on drafts		25
"	19.	By amt. paid O. F. Lantz, Baltimore, Treas. Genl. Synod, bene. Muhlenberg Mission, Africa. . . .	25	00
		By amt. paid Rev. L. K. Probst, ½ his exp. visiting Ga. and S. C. Synods, Rev. Efird's charge, Atlanta, and Knoxville, to Nov. 15, '88.	22	33
		By amt. paid him, his salary to Nov. 15, '88, ½ to Home Mission account	50	00
Feb.	2.	By amt. paid Sec'y, ½ salary to Dec. 15, '88 . . .	50	00
		By amt. paid Sec'y, ½ salary to Jan. 15, '89. . . .	50	00
		By amt. paid ½ sundry exp. (exchange)		56
Mar.	22.	By amt. paid Lucas, Richardson & Co., ½ bill printing Mission News, &c.	41	14
Apr.	11.	By amt. paid ½ exchange on Shenandoah check. .		10
		By amt. paid ½ Sec'y salary (½ to H. M.)	75	00
"	27.	By amt. paid ½ Sec'y salary to April 15, '89. . . .	75	00
May	16.	By amt. paid stamps to date		80
May	28.	By amt. paid Rev. Geo. Scholl, D. D., Baltimore, Md., amt. from Wentworth St. Luth. Ch. S. S., Charleston, S. C.	25	00
		By amt. paid discount on check D. M. Moser . . .		15
		By amt. paid exchange on check Mrs. Heilig . .		50
June	22.	By amt. paid ex. on check Roanoke, Va. (Trout) .		13
"	28.	By amt. paid ex. on check Staunton, Va.		15
July	10.	By amt. paid printing Mission News to Lucas & Richardson Co., ½, 81-87	40	94
"	10.	By amt. paid ex. on Va. check (V. R. Stickley) . .		10
"	15.	By amt. paid ex. on check (Probst) Knoxville. . .		08
Aug.	7.	By amt. paid ex. on Salisbury		25
"	14.	By amt. paid subs. Missionary Herald	1	03

Oct. 12.	By amt. paid printing M. N., ½ to H. M.	$ 41	43
Sept. 14.	By amt. paid Rev. O. F. Lantz, amts. from Mrs. P. L. Terry	11	40
		$1 342	41
Nov. 13.	Balance on hand	2 194	96
	Balanced	$3 537	37

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN D. CAPPELMANN, Treasurer,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

SPECIAL KNOXVILLE FUND.

1889.	To sundry con. entered in Genl. H. M. acct. . . .	$107	30
Jan. 22.	To amt. of St. Mark's ch., Sumter, Sumter Co., Ga.	5	00
	To amt. of Zion ch., Macon Co., Ga.		65
" 25.	To amt. of Rev. J. A. Linn, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. . .	2	00
	To amt. of Rev. J. G. Schaid, "	1	00
	To amt. of Rev. J. H. Wyse, "		25
	To amt. of Mr. Jno. D. Barrier, "		25
	To amt. of Capt. Jonas Cook "		50
	To amt. of Dr. P. A. Barrier, "		50
	To amt. of Mr. C. H. Fischer, "	1	00
	To amt. of Mr. C. G. Heilig, "		25
	To amt. of Mr. T. A. Moser, "		50
	To amt. of Mr. G. W. Blackwelder, "		25
	To amt. of Mr. Willie Barrier, "		10
	To amt. of Mr. Wm. J. Heilig, "		10
	To amt. of Mr. Daniel Fisher, "		50
	To amt. of Mr. G. C. Petrea, "		10
	To amt. of Mr. L. M. Barrier, "		15
	To amt. of Mr. J. M. Hendrix, "		55
Jan. 29.	To amt. of Miss M. Julia Shuey, Folks Store, S. C.	5	00
" 30.	To amt. of Dr. F. M. Setzer, Laurens Co., member Bethlehem ch., Pomaria, S. C.	5	00
" 30.	To amt. of Grace Luth. ch. S. S., Richmond, Va.	5	00
Feb. 1.	To amt. of J. M. Hendrix, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. . .		25
" 1.	To amt. of Jno. F. Ficken, Charleston, S. C. . . .	10	00
" 5.	To amt. of Colony ch., per Mrs. G. W. Holland. .	6	00
" 5.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., S. C. Synod, for hymn books	9	00
" 7.	To amt. of L. L. Smith, for Jos. Funk, St. Paul's ch., Strasburg, Va.	10	00
" 7.	To amt. of Pine Grove ch., Orangeburg, S. C., per Rev. J. D. Bowles	3	00
" 8.	To amt. of Organ church, Rowan Co., N. C. . . .	1	55
" 8.	To amt. of Ebenezer church, Rowan Co., N. C. . .	2	15
" 8.	To amt. of Rev. Mrs. W. R. Brown, Heilig's Mill, N. C.	5	00

Feb.	14.	To amt. from Rev. L. A. Bikle, Dallas, N. C., from his Philadelphia ch.	$ 15 00
		To amt. from Dallas ch.	5 00
"	15.	To amt. of Rev. M. L. Little, Dallas, N. C.	10 00
		To amt. of Rev. L. A. Bikle & Son, Dallas, N. C.	5 00
		To amt. of Prof. S. A. Wolff, Dallas, N. C.	3 00
		To amt. of A. P. H. Rhyne, Dallas, N. C.	1 00
		To amt. of C. H. Little, Dallas, N. C.	1 00
"	21.	To amt. of Rev. W. A. Julian and family	4 00
"	26.	To amt. of Mt. Airy charge, S. W. Va. Synod (for Knoxville lot) per Rev. W. S. Huddle, per Rev. L. K. Probst	8 00
Mar.	15.	To amt. of Rev. J. W. Smith and wife, Bruceton Mills, W. Va., for lot	10 00
"	20.	To amt. of Rev. W. S. Bowman, Savannah, Ga., being amt. collected on Christmas day in the E. L. Church of the Ascension	25 00
"	22.	To amt. of Rev. L. A. Mann, D. D., Mt. Jackson, Va., through Rev. L. K. Probst	5 00
Apr.	1.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S. of Grace ch., Prosperity, S. C., through Rev. L. K. Probst	8 00
"	1.	To amt. of blank, Lincolnton, N. C., per Probst.	2 00
"	1.	To amt. of Mrs. J. C. Linn, Salisbury, N. C., per Rev. Probst	6 00
"	10.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S. of Rev. W. A. Lutz's charge (St. Enoch's ch., per Mrs. Heilig)	6 10
		To amt. of Trinity ch., per Mrs. Heilig	9 82
		To amt. of Rev. J. L. Buck's ch., Centre Grove	5 00
		To amt. of Rev. W. R. Brown's ch., Organ ch.	10 00
		To amt. of Ebenezer ch., (per Mrs. Heilig)	4 08
"	17.	To amt. of St. Enoch's S. S., per Rev. W. A. Lutz,	3 00
"	24.	To amt. of H. A. K., Winnsboro, S. C.	50
May	3.	To amt. of Children's Miss. Soc., Salem ch., Bear Poplar, N. C., per Rev. J. D. Shirey	5 00
"	9.	To amt. of Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., for Miss Alice Akard, Treas. W. M. S. of Buehler's ch., Sullivan Co., Tenn., for lot or Missionary	15 00
"	17.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S. Ev. Luth. Synod N. C., per Mrs. Heilig, Treas., coll. at convention	10 94
"	18.	To amt. of St. Michael's ch., per Mrs. Holland, Tr. W. H. and F. M. S.	6 55
"	18.	To amt. of St. Stephen's, per same, B. of W.	2 00
		To amt. of St. Luke's, " "	2 00
		To amt. of St. Paul's, " "	3 00
"	18.	To amt. of "a friend of our work," per B. S. Brown, Madison C. H., Va.	5 00
"	18.	To amt. of Mrs. Lizzie Funk, Bridgewater, Va., per Probst	1 00
June	11.	To amt. of Rev. M. L. Little's past., Dallas, N. C.	21 84
"	24.	To amt. of St. Mark's, through Rev. C. P. Boozer, Etheridge	8 00
"	24.	To amt. of Corinth, through Rev. C. P. Boozer, Etheridge	1 60

June	24.	To amt. of Trinity, per Rev. C. P. Boozer, Etheridge	$ 1 40
"	25.	To amt. of C. H. P., Charleston, for lot	1 00
"	27.	To amt. of Bethany S. S., Rockbridge Co., Va., per Rev. J. M. Schreckhise	5 00
July	2.	To amt. of English cong., Knoxville, Tenn.	16 45
"	11.	To amt. of Madison ch., Va., through Rev. Probst	3 50
"	15.	To amt. of Miss Cath. Booker, Knoxville lot	5 00
Aug.	1.	To amt. of Organ Ch. Soc., per Mrs. Heilig.	3 88
"	9.	To amt. of Knoxville Mission Treasurer	22 85
"	15.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., St. Peter's Luth. Ch., Shepherdstown, W. Va., per D. M. Moser,	15 00
Sep.	7.	To amt. from Mrs. P. L. Terry, Treas. W. M. S., S. W. Va. Synod	7 62
"	18.	To amt. of St. Johannes, Charleston, per Rev. Heckel	1 50
Oct.	10.	To amt. of W. H. and F. M. S., Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., per Rev. W. S. Bowman	15 00
"	22.	To amt. of Leesville ch., per M. W. Sheely.	4 30
"	22.	To amt. of St. Paul's, Columbia, S. C., J. S. B.	5 00
"	31.	To amt. of Organ Ch. Soc., Salisbury, N. C.	4 60
		To amt. of St. Luke's Ch. Soc., Salisbury, N. C.	5 00
		To amt. of Christinia Ch. Soc., Salisbury, N. C., to make Rev. J. W. Strickler a life member, per Mrs. Heilig	10 00
Nov.	12.	To amt. of G. M. Beltzhoover, Supt. Luth. S. S., Shepherdstown, W. Va., con. for year 1889	10 00
		Balanced	$ 548 43

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Feb.	14.	By amt. paid discount on draft Rev. M. L. Little	$ 15
Apr.	18.	By amt. paid ex. on check Rev. Mark's	15
May	16.	By amt. paid for stamps to date	78
May	28.	By amt. paid ex. on check Alice Akard	20
June	17.	By amt. paid ex. on check Gastonia, N. C., (Rev. Little)	15
Aug.	16.	By amt. paid ex. on check Shepherdstown, W. Va.	10
Nov.	6.	By amt. paid bill W. J. Duffie for Books of Worship	35 97
			$ 37 50
Nov.	13.	Balance on hand	510 93
		Balanced	$548 43

Rev. J. W. Primrose of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in the city was introduced by Pastor Peschau. The hours for business were fixed at 9.30 A. M. to 12.30 P. M. and 2.30 to 5.30 P. M. Synod adjourned to meet at 9.30 A. M., Friday. Prayer with Rev. J. S. Koiner.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 9.30 A. M.

The Synod was called to order, and opened with divine services, conducted by Rev. S. L. Keller. The roll was called, and minutes read and approved. The President announced the following committees:

President's Report.—J. Hawkins, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. J. N. Derrick, Rev. J. F. Moser, Capt. J. D. Groover, Capt. J. A. Fisher, Rev. T. O. Keister.

Minutes of Last Synod.—Rev. J. A. Synder, Col. P. N. Heilig, Rev. W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., Rev. H. S. Wingard, O. B. Mayer, Jr., M. D., J. S. Lipe.

District Synods.—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Col. H. C. McAllister, A. H. Crowel.

State of the Church.—W. S. Bowman, D. D., Rev. J. N. Derrick, Rev. S. L. Keller, Rev. J. K. Efird, C. W. Heater, Rev. J. K. Hancher, Maj. H. A. Meetze.

Literary Institutions.—Rev. W. G. Campbell, Rev. W. E. Hubbert, Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. J. E. Berley, W. M. Bucher.

Missions.—A. J. Brown, D. D., Rev. J. S. Koiner, G. W. Holland, D. D., Rev. C. A. Rose, R. F. Davis, Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. W. P. Cline.

Treasurer's Report.—J. H. Zittle, C. Wulbern, W. H. Strauss.

Church Literature.—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Rev. G. H. Cox, A. L. Henkel, Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Hon. H. S. Trout.

The report of the Board of Missions was taken up for consideration.

Item 1, relative to the permanent and salaried Secretary, was adopted.

Item 2, relative to Children's Societies, was adopted.

With reference to item 3, concerning the *Mission News*, the following was adopted :

Resolved 1. That the Board be recommended to publish the *Mission News* monthly, if the Board deem it advisable.

Resolved 2. That each pastor within our bounds send a mailing list of the families of his congregation to the Secretary of the Board, or, if so desired, the pastors have the option of having the copies for their congregations sent to them directly.

Resolved 3. That the Board be directed to present a bill of the actual cost of sending a copy to each family of the different congregations to the pastor of the congregation, and that each congregation be urgently requested to pay for the copies received by it.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, of Des Moines, Iowa, Western Secretary of the General Synod, was introduced to Synod.

Item 4, concerning the co-operation of the different District Synods, was adopted.

Item 5, concerning Women's Societies, was adopted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 6, concerning the Augusta Mission, was adopted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 7, concerning the Richmond Mission, was adopted.

Item 8, concerning the Knoxville Mission, was adopted.

Pending the consideration of the report, the Synod adjourned to the afternoon hour. Prayer with Rev. C. A. Rose.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 2.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and opened with divine services, conducted by Rev. J. N. Derrick.

Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D., delegate from the General Synod, was received, and conveyed the fraternal greetings of that body to this Synod. He was replied to by the President.

The Minutes of the General Synod were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. J. S. Moser, Rev. L. L. Smith, and A. L. Henkel.

A letter from Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D., representative of the General Council, was read by the Secretary, and the following adopted :

Resolved, That we most cordially reciprocate the fraternal feelings of the General Council as expressed by Dr. Seiss, and regret his inability to be present at our present session, and that we appoint a delegate to represent us in the next convention of the General Council.

The consideration of the report of the Board of Missions was resumed.

Item 9, concerning District Synod work, was amended and adopted.

Item 10, concerning other points, was amended and adopted.

Item 11, a statement of the treasury, was amended and adopted.

Item 12, concerning apportionment for next two years, was adopted.

Item 13, concerning Foreign Missions, was adopted.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That we have heard with profound gratitude to God the announcement made by Dr. Fox in behalf of the College Church at Salem, in regard to its purpose to support a Missionary in the foreign field, and that the Synod commends this overture to the Board with the pledge that this Synod will secure an acceptable Missionary for the foreign field the coming year, if possible ; and it also commends the example of the College Church to the prayerful consideration and imitation of our congregations.

Item 14, concerning the Treasurer's Report, was adopted.

Item 15, concerning election of a Missionary and apportionment for next two years, was adopted.

Item 16, concerning the conclusion, was adopted.

The nomination of a new board was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. J. A. Snyder, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Minutes of last Convention, which was received for consideration by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF 1887.

Your Committee submit the following:

On page 35, we find that a committee was appointed on Staunton Female Seminary, to report at this convention of the United Synod. Committee—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, T. L. Seigle, Esq., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. B. Wheeler, Esq., Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Rev. J. Austin, and Rev. J. L. Derrick. Is this committee ready to report?

On page 41, we find that action was taken relative to the establishment of a "Lutheran Seamen's Aid Society." A committee was appointed to report on this subject at the present convention of this body. Committee—Revs. F. W. E. Peschau, W. S. Bowman, D. D., and J. D. Cappelmann, Esq. Is this committee ready to report?

On page 57, we find that the "By-Laws, Rules of Order," &c., presented by the committee, were postponed until this convention of the United Synod. Your committee recommend that this body now proceed to the consideration of these "By-Laws, Rules of Order," &c., *by items.* Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
H. S. WINGARD,
WM. B. YONCE,
P. N. HEILIG,
O. B. MAYER,
J. S. LIPE.

In reply to the first inquiry, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, chairman, read the following report, which was received for consideration by items:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITION OF STAUNTON FEMALE SEMINARY.

Your committee, appointed at the last meeting of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held at Savannah, to examine and report at this meeting on the proposition made to this general body by the Staunton Female Seminary, beg leave to submit:

That the United Synod appreciates the generous intentions of the incorporators of Staunton Female Seminary, and bids them God-speed in their efforts to serve our beloved church in the department of higher female education; but that it is the sense of this body that it is inexpedient to accept any such proposition for concentration upon any female seminary at this juncture.

Very respectfully,

J. E. BUSHNELL, CHM.,
L. L. SMITH,
T. L. SEIGLE,
A. J. BROWN.

Pending its consideration, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning. Prayer with Rev. E. A. Wingard.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 9.30 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with divine service, conducted by Rev. T. O. Keister. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved. Rev. W. G. Campbell was excused from further attendance.

Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, chairman, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUMMARY OF THE MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee, appointed to ascertain from the report of the Treasurer of Board of Missions the amounts paid by the various synods as their respective apportionments as made by the Board, respectfully report the apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions for the past two years, and the approximate contributions by the respective synods, as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Home Missions	$ 1,350	$1,090.19
Foreign Missions	675	696.34
Total	$2,025	$1,786.53

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Home Missions	$1,600	$1,728.60
Foreign Missions	800	99.55
Total	$2,400	$1,828.15

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Home Missions	$1,600	$ 516.59
Foreign Missions	800	85.94
Total	$2,400	$ 602.53

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Home Missions	$1,400	$ 932.77
Foreign Missions	700	729.14
Total	$2,100	$1,661.91

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Home Missions	$ 800	$ 244.93
Foreign Missions	400	205.00
Total	$1,200	$ 449.93

HOLSTON SYNOD.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Home Missions	$ 550	$ 223.89
Foreign Missions	275	28.96
Total	$ 825	$ 252.85

GEORGIA SYNOD.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Home Missions	$ 600	$ 403.11
Foreign Missions	300	104.90
Total	$ 900	$ 508.01

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Home Missions	——	$ 40.00
Foreign Missions	——	——

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. D. CAPPELMANN,
W. E. HUBBERT,
GEO. H. COX,
L. K. PROBST,
L. L. SMITH,
J. N. DERRICK,
J. K. HANCHER,
H. S. WINGARD.

The report of Board of Missions was adopted as a whole.

Hon. H. S. Trout, Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, read his report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SEMINARY FUND.

H. S. TROUT, TREAS., IN ACCOUNT WITH THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND, SALEM, VA.

1887.	DR.	
Nov. 23.	To balance due by Treasurer	$2087 71
1888.		
Feb. 6.	To int. collected of Trust Co.	74 56
Nov. 12.	To int. from Va. Synod	55 96
1889.		
Jan. 3.	To int. from J. T. Crabtree	17 49
Jan. 14.	To int. from M. P. Frantz	62 58
Jan. 28.	To int. from Wm. B. Yonce	12 00
Feb. 5.	To int. from Va. Synod	64 04
		$2374 34

1889.	SUMMARY OF ASSETS.	
Nov. 14.	To cash in hands of Treasurer	$ 374 34
	1st mortgage bond Richmond Mission	1530 56
	Bond of Executive Committee Va. Synod	469 44
	1 Bond of M. P. Frantz	200 00
	1 Bond of same	247 00
	1 Bond of J. T. Crabtree	291 60
	1 Bond of Wm. B. Yonce	100 00
	* 1 Bond of Wm. McCauley	883 58
	* (3 years interest due on same)	$4096 52

1888.		Cr.	
Feb. 8.	By amt. loaned Richmond Mission		$2000 00
1889.			
Nov. 14.	To balance due by Treasurer		374 34
			$2374 34

The consideration of the report on Staunton Female Seminary was resumed, and the report adopted.

In reply to the second item of the report of the Committee on Minutes of last Convention, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, chairman, read the following report which was received and adopted, and the committee continued, with the well wishes of the Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEAMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Your Committee on a Seamen's Aid Society would respectfully report, that we are more and more impressed with the great need of our doing something to provide for the spiritual care of our Lutheran brethren who come to our shores as seamen.

18,000 seamen have visited the port of Savannah during the past year, about 22,000 the port of Charleston, and about 5,000 the port of Wilmington, or a total of 45,000 sailors and officers of whom fully one-third or 15,000 men were brethren of our faith.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Bowman has put forth earnest efforts in Savannah, and Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, in Wilmington, to secure a Lutheran minister as chaplain by the Port Societies, but each of us has failed. This shows us all the greater need of our undertaking the work of caring for our people ourselves. We recommend:

1. That a committee be appointed, or this committee continued, to further consider this work and make necessary provisions to have Lutheran chaplains, Lutheran chapels, etc., for our Lutheran seamen.

2. That the chaplains to be secured should be men capable of preaching in Danish and English or Danish and German.

3. That your honorable body endorse the work, and that you authorize the committee, in the name of the Synod, to appeal to the Scandinavian kingdoms and Scandinavian societies and to the German Empire and German societies, to aid us in our work in caring for the many men of these countries who visit our ports and are brethren of the same faith with us, and also to appeal to our churches for help.

4. That you give the committee power to act, if it sees its way clear to begin work in any one port or in all ports.

Respectfully,

F. W. E. PESCHAU,
W. S. BOWMAN,
J. D. CAPPELMANN.

The third item of the report of the Committee on Minutes of last Convention, recommending the consideration of the By-Laws, etc., was taken up, and while it was pending the Synod adjourned to meet at 8 and continue in session till 10 o'clock, P. M. Before adjournment, Pastor Peschau introduced Rev. Robert Strange of St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church in the city. Prayer with Rev. J. E. Bushnell.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 8 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with divine service, conducted by Rev. J. S. Moser. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The consideration of the question, pending at the adjournment of the morning session, was resumed, and the following adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of the By-Laws, Rules of Order and Regulations, be postponed to the next convention of this Synod.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the last Convention was adopted as a whole.

Rev. J. S. Moser, chairman, read the following report on the Minutes of the General Synod, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Your committee, to whom were handed the "Proceedings (276 pages) of the Thirty-fourth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, in session at Allegheny, Pa., June 12-21, 1889," would respectfully report, that these

proceedings show a friendly and cordial expression of feeling toward our Synod, which is further evidenced by the presence of her delegate, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D.

We learn also from these proceedings, that the General Synod is composed of 23 District Synods—all represented at its last meeting, except one—numbering 1,324 churches and 203 stations, with 146,556 communicants, a gain of 11,846 in two years; that the infant baptisms are 10,412, an increase of 1,130.

For Home Missions $29,906.04 were raised, and $26,030.50 for Foreign Missions. A liberal spirit in donations for other purposes is manifested. This Synod also shows great activity in church work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. MOSER, CHN.,
L. L. SMITH,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., chairman, read the report of the Committee on President's Report, which was received for consideration by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee on the President's Report find in it the following:

1. A statement in reference to the Sunday-school Lesson Leaves, now being prepared by the authority of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Committee on Sunday-school Literature, by correspondence with our President, have expressed a desire that we co-operate with them in the preparation and use of the Lessons which they propose to prepare for the use of the Sunday-schools. Your committee recommend that we accept their overture, and cordially recommend their Lessons to the favorable attention and use of all our pastors and Sunday-schools.

2. In regard to the South View Orphans' Home, we do not feel prepared to recommend that the Synod adopt it as its own institution, but we desire to commend in the warmest manner possible the noble work of Bro. McClanahan, and earnestly recommend his Home to the patronage and financial aid of our people.

3. Correspondence with the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church. We recommend that the correspondence be published in our Minutes.

4. As the Theological Seminary has been reported on, we make no further reference to it.

5. The President recommends the appointment of a Board of Edu-

cation "whose duty it shall be to gather, tabulate, and publish reports of all our church schools of whatever grade, to compare their courses of study, to advise with the faculties, and, on the basis of the information gathered, to suggest to future conventions of the United Synod appropriate action." We recommend the appointment of such a committee.

6. Your committee desire to mention the faithfulness and vigilance of our esteemed President as evidenced in his report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAWKINS,
L. A. FOX,
J. N. DERRICK,
J. F. MOSER,
J. D. GROOVER,
J. A. FISHER,
T. O. KEISTER.

With reference to the first item, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That, in reply to the overture of the Sunday-school Committee of the General Council, the Secretary be instructed to inform said committee that we do not deem it expedient to co-operate in this proposed work.

The second item was adopted.

Pending the consideration of the third item, Synod adjourned till Monday morning. Prayer with Rev. J. S. Koiner.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, NOV. 18, 9.30 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with divine service, conducted by Rev. J. A. Rudisill. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The consideration of the third item of the report of the Committee on the President's Report was resumed, and the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the correspondence with the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church be printed in our Minutes, and that the

officers of this Synod be authorized to conduct any further correspondence with that Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., APRIL 19, 1888.

To the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Dear Brethren: The action of your body in response to the Declaration of our House of Bishops has been received with great pleasure by our Commission.

Permit us to recall to your attention certain facts: The governing body of our Church is its General Convention, which consists of two houses, the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. The House of Bishops alone and for themselves set forth the Declaration on Christian Unity. The action of your last General Convention on this subject was to appoint a Commission, and this Commission was instructed to communicate at their discretion to the organized Christian bodies of our country the Declaration set forth by the Bishops. Further, this Commission was then instructed to hold themselves ready to enter into brotherly conference with any Christian body seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church.

The first of these duties we have performed, and we have your response. We think that we appreciate your frankness. We perceive nothing in what you say to constitute an insurmountable obstacle to the result so greatly to be desired, the perfected unity of all Christian men.

It now becomes our pleasant duty to enter into conference with you with a view to discover the conditions under which the object may be attained.

We note with great satisfaction that you remind us that in 1535 and 1538 there were conferences held tending to this same object, and that you invite us to the resumption of negotiations at the point of interruption.

There was a good deal of worldly politics mingled in those negotiations. We presume that matters of this kind would, at the present day, be eliminated from the discussions.

With this understanding, we gladly accept your suggestion, and declare ourselves ready to resume the negotiations so long interrupted.

Will you kindly designate the proper commissioners who will represent you in the negotiations? So soon as this is done, we shall be ready to proceed with the business.

It will, of course, be clearly understood that the Commissioners on our part, and we presume on yours also, are but representatives, and that whatever conclusion may be reached is not binding until ratified by both of the authorities appointing us.

Very truly and fraternally,

HERMAN C. DUNCAN, SEC'Y.

(*Answer.*)

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

I am directed by the President of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South to say, that we are gratified by your acceptance of the Augsburg Confession and the Apology as a basis for further conference. We are unshaken in our Confession, and unable to affiliate with any holding the tenets it condemns.

The officers of the United Synod, Edward T. Horn, D. D., President, S. Henkel, D. D., Vice-President, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Secretary, and W. A. Barrier, Esq., Treasurer, through the undersigned, the Secretary, will be glad to learn from you what method of conference you propose. We suggest also that your Commission invite those "bodies which have come out of the English Church since" the Reformation to confer with us on this basis; and, on our part, we will try to secure the co-operation of those who are of the same faith with us.

With the earnest wish that such conference may lead to agreement concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments, I am

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

A. L. CROUSE, SECRETARY.

The fourth item was adopted.

The fifth item was adopted, and the following committee, Rev. J. F. Moser, Rev. C. A. Marks, Capt. J. H. Zittle, Col. P. N. Heilig, and Rev. H. S. Wingard, was appointed to nominate such a board.

The sixth item was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. Dr. Bowman, chairman, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

By diligent inquiry among the brethren, and by consulting the minutes of the several synods, your committee has reached the following conclusions in regard to the present state of the Church :

1. The increased diffusion of knowledge in regard to the history, doctrines, and cultus of our church, is rapidly producing among our people a greater veneration and deeper attachment for the church of our fathers, and for the "faith once delivered to the saints."

2. This hopeful feature is attributable mainly to the general return to the time-honored custom of catechisation, the more general use of our Books of Worship and devotion, and the practical use of Lutheran literature in our Sunday-schools. The early and abundant harvest which our scanty sowing has already produced, should encourage us to sow more *abundantly*, knowing that in due time we *shall* reap if we faint not.

3. Our Church Boards—united and local—complain of inadequate contributions to carry on all the work which seems necessary to be done. Whilst your committee is pleased to note the existence of a growing spirit of liberality, it is obviously true that the offerings of our people are not at all proportionate with their increased prosperity. Would it not be well to inquire whether our inadequate contributions are not, in some instances, attributable to inadequate instruction in the Scriptural doctrine of Christian benevolence?

4. The grandest feature in the present aspect of our Southern church, is her disposition to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

The bringing together and keeping together of the divergencies of faith and practice in our own beloved Lutheran family, is rapidly modifying the inordinate zeal which, in times past, was not always according to knowledge; and, on the other hand, it is vitalizing and quickening an orthodoxy whose symmetrical form may have lacked some spiritual power, and thus we are advancing, by sure and steady steps, to clearer conceptions of doctrine and duty, and to a higher consciousness of God's Word, and of churchly usages.

The courtesy, begotten of Christian kindness and brotherly love, which constrains the leaders of divergent thought among us to respect each others convictions, and to bear each others burdens, until the light of a clearer day shall reveal things to us in a similar aspect, is not the slumbering of a volcano, but the spiritual chemistry that is petrifying our wood, hay, and stubble into a rock of eternal TRUTH, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail.

In conclusion, it is the conviction of your committee, that there is improvement and advancement—more or less—all along the line: that we should thank God and take courage, and go to our work earnestly and hopefully, trusting in Him "who is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BOWMAN,
J. K. HANCHER,
J. N. DERRICK,
J. K. EFIRD,
S. L. KELLER,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
CHAS. W. HEATER.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, chairman, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

We, your Committee on Minutes of District Synods, connected with this body, would respectfully submit the following report:

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1803.

Number of churches, 53; number of ministers, 32; number of communicants, 6,310—a gain as per former report of 868.

Officers: President, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Wilmington; Rec. Secty., Rev. Chas. B. King, Salisbury; Cor. Secty., Rev. W. G. Campbell, Concord; Treasurer, Col. P. N. Heilig, Salisbury.

This synod is actively engaged in the various enterprises of church work.

TENNESSEE SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1820.

Number of churches, 105; ministers, 35; number of communicants, 9,392; a gain from previous report of 1,297.

Officers: President, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Hickory, North Carolina; Secretary, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, New Market, Va.; Cor. Sec'y, Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline, Ilex, N. C.; Treasurer, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Stony Man, Va.

This synod has taken initiatory steps at its last session to erect a large and imposing brick structure for her college, in place of the present building, and also to raise an endowment fund. She is also actively engaged in Home Mission work, also supporting beneficiaries at Concordia College, and providing instruction in theology for the same.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1824.

Churches, 59; ministers, 38; communicants, 6,336.

Officers: President, Rev. J. H. Wilson, Arehardt, S. C.; Rec. Sec'y, Rev. J. E. Berley, Selwood, S. C.; Treasurer, Maj. P. E. Wise, Prosperity, S. C.

This synod presents a commendable zeal in missionary and educational work.

VIRGINIA SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1829.

Churches, 62; ministers, 29; communicants, 5,006; increased membership, 300.

Officers: President, Rev. J. A. Snyder, New Market, Va.; Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va.; Treasurer, Rev. V. R. Stickley, Waynesboro, Va.

This synod shows her church life and activity by an enlarged liberality in the various enterprises of church work.

SYNOD OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA—ORGANIZED 1842.

Churches, 53; ministers, 27; communicants, 3,626; increase, 510.

Officers: President, Rev. Prof. J. B. Greiner, Marion, Va.; Secretary, Rev. W. E. Hubbert, Blacksburg, Va.; Treasurer, Hon. H. S. Trout, Roanoke, Va.

This synod is actively engaged in the Master's work. The total amount of benevolence swells the figures to $6,599.37.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1855.

Number of churches, 10; number of ministers, 9; number of communicants, 450; increase, 69.

Officers: President, Rev. J. H. Murphy, Beth Eden, Miss.; Secretary, Rev. J. N. Derrick, Sallis, Miss.; Treasurer, J. C. Du Bard, Sallis, Miss.

This synod, according to their strength, are laboring to extend the Master's kingdom.

GEORGIA SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1860.

Churches, 17; ministers, 7; communicants, 1,408.

Officers: President, Rev. J. Austin, Springfield, Ga.; Secretary, Rev. H. S. Wingard, Springfield, Ga.; Treasurer, Capt. Wm. Jennings, Bronwood, Ga.

We are gratified to learn of their missionary zeal and enterprise.

HOLSTON SYNOD—ORGANIZED 1861.

Churches, 21; ministers, 12; communicants, 2,200.

Officers: President, Rev. J. K. Haucher, Mill Point, Tenn.; Sec-

retary, Rev. J. B. Rodgers, Mosheim, Tenn.; Treasurer, Mr. J. L. Cobble, Midway, Tenn.

The mission work of this body is placed under the care of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
C. A. MARKS,
L. G. M. MILLER,
H. C. McALLISTER,
A. H. CROWELL.

Rev. Dr. Horn, chairman, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE COMMON SERVICE.

The Committee on the Common Service beg leave to report that the two editions which were in press in November, 1887, were completed and put on sale in the summer of 1888. The book has met with favor, and since that date (we are informed by the publisher) 4,742 copies have been sold.

The General Synod has published several editions, and of these more than 10,000 copies have been sold, and are in use.

The General Council will publish its editions at an early day, the work having been interrupted by the death of Rev. Dr. Schmucker, and delayed by the work of translation of its revised orders for Ministerial Acts. Certain differences between the book of the General Synod and the book of the United Synod, to some of which your attention has been directed (*Minutes* 1887, p. 31), having excited remark, the Joint Committee was reconvened at Philadelphia, Nov. 30, 1888. At this meeting, Rev. M. Valentine, D. D., LL. D., was elected President of the Committee. He has since resigned. The whole service was subjected to review, and then re-adopted, and the Secretary was directed to prepare a standard manuscript, embodying all the determinations of the Committee. This has been done, and a copy of it has been furnished to each General Body.

Nothing more has been done towards securing a common Order for Ministerial Acts and a common selection of Hymns. The recent action of the General Synod does not seem to favor further co-operation to this end. The General Council proposes to publish its revised *Orders* at once. Your committee was represented in the conferences upon these, and they have been communicated to us at every stage. They seem to us to accord with the same rule which guided us in the

Common Service. But we respectfully recommend that we wait until they have been published, examined and tried, before we give up the use of the *Orders for Ministerial Acts* at present given with our book.

The Joint Committee assembled at Gettysburg, Pa., July 12–14, 1888, to consider the proposed revision of the translation of the Augsburg Confession and Small Catechism. Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., represented your committee. Rev. M. Valentine, D. D., LL. D., was called to the chair, and Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., was elected Secretary. The following action was taken :

I. OF AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

1. That we declare as our judgment that the Latin and German of the *Editio Princeps* of 1530–31, of the Augsburg Confession, have full and equal authority ; and are the two editions between which we must decide in preparing a translation.

2. That as the Latin text of the *Editio Princeps* has been that of the most prominent English translations, from the presentation of the Confession, until this time present, it be accepted as the text for our English translation.

3. That, on account of the equal value of the variations of the German *Editio Princeps*, they should also be given.

4. That the translation, made by Richard Taverner in 1536, be used as the original basis of the revision, with the comparison especially of variations, made in the successive revisions of Taverner which have appeared.

5. That Taverner's translation, and the variations from it, above referred to, be printed for the use of the Committee.

6. That the Secretary be instructed to have five hundred copies printed, with wide margin, expense to be divided equally between the General Synod and the General Council ; and that provision be made for sale to others, not of the Joint Committee.

7. That each of the members of this Joint Committee, with the aid and counsel of any whom he may seek, make a revision of the translation ; and that, at the completion of these translations (written sixty days, if possible, after the publication of the pamphlet containing the basis of the work), the committees of each general body shall separately meet and endeavor to reduce their work to a common form ; and that after such separate deliberation, by the three committees, a meeting of the Joint Committee shall be held.

8. That this action be printed and transmitted to the members of the committee, together with the pamphlet above ordered.

II. OF "THE SMALL CATECHISM."

1. That we present to the general bodies for adoption the text of Luther's Catechism, pure and simple, with a translation of the same.

2. That any additions to the text simple of Luther's Catechism, which we agree with common consent to be desirable, shall also be presented to these bodies, with our recommendation.

3. That in matters urged in this committee by its members, concerning which there be not agreement of consent, a reference of them shall be made to the bodies represented for their consideration and decision.

[The results of the examination of the text, according to these rules, were entrusted to Rev. Dr. Schmucker, to be by him entered into the text of Catechism in General Council *Kirchenbuch*, and transmitted to the members of the committee.]

4. That the text and translation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, be made in all cases to conform to that adopted in the Common Order of Service.

5. That in the translation, Scripture passages be given according to the authorized version.

6. That the English translation of Dr. P. F. Mayer be made the basis of revision.

7. That the entire course of procedure be the same as in regard to the Augsburg Confession.

The Secretary was instructed to correspond with Lutherans not connected with the bodies represented, and invite them to co-operate with us on the basis adopted. We are glad to report that this invitation has been accepted by several of the most important bodies addressed.

In accordance with this action a learned edition of Taverner's translation of the Augsburg Confession was prepared by Rev. Dr. Jacobs, and published by the Lutheran Publication Society. The copyright is vested in the Joint Committee of the three general bodies. A copy of this and a catechism containing Dr. Schmucker's notes, have been furnished each member of the Committee.

We subjoin two *Exhibits* from the publisher. EXHIBIT A. shows the number of copies made, sold, and on hand; and, according to it, our publisher owes this Synod $259.63. From this should be deducted the amount of the bill, EXHIBIT B., which we recommend that the Synod order to be paid. Besides the copies sent to the National Library, in accordance with the *Copyright* Law, Mr. Duffie was directed to furnish a copy to each member of the Committee, to the college libraries, and to the library of the Lutheran Historical Society. Twelve

copies of the largest edition were used in the preparation of the three copies of the Standard MS. The balance, owed by the publisher accordingly, is $228.83.

EDWARD T. HORN,
W. B. YONCE,
J. S. KOINER,
L. A. FOX,
C. A. ROSE.

(*Exhibit A.*)

REPORT OF SALES OF BOOK OF WORSHIP AND COMMON SERVICE PER MR. W. J. DUFFIE.

DR. EDWARD T. HORN, CHARLESTON, S. C.:

I hereby hand you my report of sales of Book of Worship and Common Service, beginning Nov. 18th, 1887, the date of my last settlement:

Book of Worship on hand Nov. 18, 1887—pulpit size, bound . . .	9
Book of Worship on hand Nov. 18, 1887—pulpit size, unbound. .	100
Book of Worship on hand Nov. 18, 1887—24 mo., bound.	114

MADE SINCE.

Book of Worship made March 28, 1888, 24 mo.	100
Book of Worship made June 27, 1888, 24 mo.	2000
Book of Worship made June 27, 1888, 12 mo.	250
Book of Worship made Nov. 22, 1888, 24 mo.	2000
Book of Worship made June 17, 1889, 12 mo.	500
	5073

Deduct, on hand, unsold, Nov. 8, 1889, as follows, in hands of binders (Lippincott & Rutter):

In sheets, pulpit size	550	
In sheets, 24 mo.	820	
Bound copies on hand (665 24 mo. size, and 62 pulpit size) .	727	
		2097
		2976

Showing a total of sales of Book of Worship since last settlement of 2,976 copies, at 8 cents royalty per copy, amounting to $238 08.

COMMON SERVICE.

Made June 27, 1888, pulpit size	250	
Made June 27, 1888, 24 mo. size	2000	
Made June 17, 1889, pulpit size	250	
Making a total of pulpit size		500
Making a total of 24 mo. size		2000

COMMON SERVICE—24 MO.*

I have sold 133	24 mo. cloth @ 26⅔c.	$ 35 46
267	24 mo. cloth @ 32c.	85 44
3	24 mo. Eng. Turkey @ $1.00	3 00
2	24 mo. Eng. Turkey @ 83⅓c.	1 67
6	24 mo. Turk. flex. @ $2.00	12 00
4	24 mo. Turk. flex. @ $1.67	6 68
20	24 mo. Arab. @ 52c.	10 40
20	24 mo. Arab. @ 44⅓c.	8 86
10	24 mo. Arab. gilt @ 72c.	7 20
10	24 mo. Arab. gilt @ 60c.	6 00
1060	24 mo. small, cheap edition @ 13c.	137 80
100	24 mo. small, cheap edition @ 15c.	15 00
1635		

COMMON SERVICE—PULPIT SIZE.†

I have sold Pulpit size as follows:

40	Cloth @ 64c.	$ 25 60
35	Cloth @ 53⅓c.	18 67
2	Turkey flex. @ $2.00	4 00
2	Turkey flex. @ $1.66⅔c.	3 33
15	Cloth @ 64c.	9 60
10	Cloth @ 53c.	5 30
2	Arab. plain @ $1.20	2 40
15	Arab. gilt @ $1.40	21 00
10	Arab. gilt @ $1.17	11 70
131		$431 11

Five per cent. on net sales of Common Service Books amounts to $21.55, to which add the copyright on Books of Worship, $238.08, and we have the total amount due Synod $259 63

*I have on hand as follows of this 24 mo. edition: Cloth, 100; Eng. Turkey, 15; Turkey Flexible, 10; Arab. plain, 10; Arab. gilt, 30; small cheap edition, 200; no sheets—total, 365.

†I have on hand as follows of this Pulpit size Common Service: Sheets, 250; Cloth, 45; Turkey Flexible, 6; Arab. plain, 43; Eng. Turkey, 25—total, 369.

W. J. DUFFIE.

(*Exhibit B.*)

UNITED SYNOD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. DUFFIE.

1888.				
July	5.	To 2 Common Service 12 mo. Eng. Turkey for Copyright	$ 5 00	
		To 2 Books of Worship, 12 mo. Eng. Turkey for Copyright	6 40	
Aug.	14.	To 1 Common Service, Eng. Turkey, to Dr. Horn (committee)	2 50	
"	14.	To 1 Common Service, Eng. Turkey, to B. M. Schmucker, D. D., Pottstown, Pa. . .	2 50	
"	14.	To 1 Common Service, Eng. Turkey, to G. U. Wenner, D. D., New York.	2 50	
"	14.	To 1 Common Service, Eng. Turkey, to Dr. C. A. Hay, Gettysburg, Pa.	2 50	
"	14.	To 1 Common Service, Eng. Turkey, to Library Roanoke College	2 50	
"	14.	To 1 Common Service, English Turkey, to Newberry College Library	2 50	
"	14.	To 1 Common Service, English Turkey, to Concordia College Library	2 50	
Dec.	11.	To 12 Common Service @ 80c.	9 60	
			$38 50	
		Less 20 per cent.	7 70	
				$ 30 80

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the amount to the credit of the United Synod from the publication of the Common Service, be paid to Rev. Dr. Horn on traveling expenses incurred in the preparation of this Service.

Rev. C. A. Rose was excused from further attendance.

The North Carolina Synod delegation was permitted to retire for consultation.

The following inquiry was made of the Synod, and the petitioners referred to the rubric:

REV. W. B. YONCE, PH. D.,

CHAIRMAN DELEGATION TO UNITED SYNOD,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—At the recent meeting of our Western Conference, S. W. Va. Synod, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That we as a Conference request the United Synod to

give their opinion as to the posture which shall be used in the confession of our Morning Service.

S. S. RAHN, SEC. W. CONF. S W. VA. S.

October 2, 1889.

Rev. Dr. Brown, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Missions, which was received and considered by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

1. It affords your committee great pleasure to note the evidences of the deep and constantly increasing interest of our United Synod in the work of missions, both domestic and foreign. Whilst our people have not come up as nearly to the measure of their duty in this respect as we could desire, decided and marked improvement has been made in this important department of church work. We hail it as the dawning of a brighter day, and an incentive to still higher and more persevering efforts in this cause.

2. Much of the matters which come within the limits of our duty, has already been disposed of by this body, and demands no further action on our part; but there are still many other themes upon which we deem it proper to make suggestions and recommendations, as well as some specially referred to us.

We think that important changes ought to be made in the manner of conducting missionary operations in our home field. The district synods have, as has been seen in various reports, both written and verbal, made in this body, largely taken this work into their own hands, and thus greatly crippled our efforts in it, and contravened one great object contemplated in the formation of the United Synod. Our radical law makes it the business of the United Synod to take charge of (all) important missions within its bounds. The object of this is to concentrate the energies and resources of the church, as far as practicable and desirable, on important missionary points, and thus do a work more successfully and speedily than it could be done by an individual synod. The course pursued by some district synods, as above intimated, takes much of such work out of the hands of the United Synod, diverts funds necessary to the successful prosecution of its work into other channels, and renders it impossible for it to do the work which properly belongs to it.

We respectfully suggest that the practical policy of the district synods referred to, should in this respect be so changed as to conform to the objects and policy contemplated in the constitution of our United

Synod. The limits within which district synods may carry on missions, should be clearly defined and respected. We therefore suggest that the district synods be required to work in missions as much as practicable through the United Synod. If they can command more means than are apportioned to them, they should apply them to the most important and needy points occupied by the United Synod, especially if such points lie beyond their own territorial limits. We mean to say that our missionary operations should be mainly conducted by the United Synod, as is contemplated in our constitution.

3. The advice asked of this body in regard to the organic union of the various Women's Missionary Societies within the bounds of the United Synod, in one general body, and a representative meeting of them statedly, has been referred to your committee for an answer. We think that this should be left to their own discretion. We would, however, respectfully recommend the Women's Missionary Societies within our bounds, to co-operate with us through district synods in which they are located.

4. It has been made our duty to nominate a Board of Missions and Church Extension. We recommend the re-election of the present Board, viz.: Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. L. K. Probst, Rev. E. A. Wingard, Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., Hon. H. A. Meetze, and C. M. Efird, Esq. Their extensive knowledge of our missionary field and operations, their long experience in the management of the work, and their fidelity to the trust committed to them, eminently fit them for the work.

5. It has also been made our duty to consider the propriety of organizing a Church Extension Board. After as thorough examination of this subject as the limited time assigned us would permit, with all the light before us, we could not recommend such an organization. Besides, we already have one such organization in connection with the Board of Missions.

6. A petition for aid to build a church at Monroe, N. C., has been placed in our hands. We recommend that this petition, and all others of similar import, be referred to the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. BROWN,
C. A. ROSE,
G. W. HOLLAND,
R. F. DAVIS,
W. P. CLINE,
J. S. KOINER,
W. J. SMITH.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was amended by the insertion of the names of Rev. R. C. Holland and Rev. H. S. Wingard, instead of Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., and Rev. L. K. Probst.

Item 5 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. W. E. Hubbert, chairman, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

The institutions which have placed documents in the hands of your committee are: Roanoke College, Newberry College, North Carolina College, The Evang. Luth. Theological Seminary at Newberry, Staunton Female Seminary, and Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary.

All these institutions are reported as prosperous, Roanoke showing an attendance of 140 students from 17 States, Territories, and the Empire of Japan; Newberry, an enrollment of 110 for the present session, being a greater number than were enrolled during the entire session of the preceding year; Marion Female College, 105 students and a very prosperous outlook; North Carolina College, an increase of 25 per cent. over the attendance of last year; Staunton, an increase of 30 per cent.; and Mt. Pleasant, a considerable increase in number of students, and large extension and improvement of buildings; the Theological Seminary of the S. C. Synod, at Newberry, reports three students in attendance.

We learn with pleasure of the proposed Lutheran Female College in the city of Charlotte, N. C., which we commend to the appreciation of the members of this body. There are no reports from any other literary institution, though there is an excellent college at Conover, N. C., one at Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., and one at Luray, Va., of the Tennessee Synod, and one at Wytheville, Va., and another at Graham, Va., within the bounds of the S. W. Virginia Synod. Your committee regrets that catalogues of all of them were not placed in its hands.

Respectfully submitted,

WRIGHT G. CAMPBELL,
WM. E. HUBBERT,
L. L. SMITH,
J. E. BERLEY,
W. M. BUCHER.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension shall not be a member of the Board, and that his employment and salary be placed at the discretion of the Board.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod gratefully appreciates the devotion and labors of our faithful Secretary of Missions, Rev. L. K. Probst, and that we express our profound sympathy with him in the bereavements which have befallen him the past year.

The delegates of the North Carolina Synod read the following paper, accompanied with the request that it be published in the Minutes, pending the consideration of which, Synod adjourned to the afternoon hour. Prayer with Rev. W. A. Lutz.

EXPRESSION OF NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

REV. PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANG. LUTH. CHURCH SOUTH, GREETING!

We, the delegates of the N. C. Synod, having come to this convention under special instruction, by an almost unanimous vote of our Synod on a matter of deep interest to our church and people, kindly and respectfully ask permission to express our disappointment at the action taken by your honorable body on Saturday night last, requesting the adoption, or non-adoption, of the By-Laws, Rules, &c., and in postponing their consideration.

In view of your action, which leaves this matter in an unsettled condition, we cannot pledge the Synod we represent to the full amounts asked from us in carrying on the general work of the church, not knowing what our people will do under these perplexing conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. COX,
C. A. ROSE,
F. W. E. PESCHAU,
W. KIMBALL,
W. R. BROWN,
S. L. KELLER,
J. A. FISHER,
T. L. SEIGLE,
H. C. McALLISTER,
J. Z. SCHULTZ,
P. N. HEILIG,
W. H. STRAUSS.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, NOV. 18, 2.30 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with divine service, conducted by Rev. W. R. Brown. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The consideration of the paper submitted by the delegates of the North Carolina Synod was resumed, and the request of the petitioners granted.

Rev. Dr. Brown, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary, which was received and ordered to be placed upon the Minutes:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee, appointed to solicit bids for a Theological Seminary, have performed the duty assigned us as fully as opportunities permitted, and respectfully submit the following report:

More than a year ago we gave notice through the *Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper*, that the members of our committee in each district synod were constituted a sub-committee to present the subject of the Theological Seminary to their respective synods, and, in such manner as might seem to them best, work up the interest of their churches in the matter. We requested that all bids for the Theological Seminary contemplated should be forwarded to us by the first of this month, that they might be tabulated and presented to the United Synod at its present session.

We have to report that, up to the meeting of the United Synod in its present session, not a solitary bid has been received. Since our meeting, however, two bids or propositions have been submitted to us.

The South Carolina Synod, through Dr. Hawkins, chairman of its committee, invites the United Synod to locate its Theological Seminary at Newberry, S. C., and proposes to furnish for its use recitation rooms and dormitories in the college building, and to open to the students in the seminary all the literary facilities of the college; to employ the services of its professors in the Newberry College in teaching Hebrew and Greek Exegesis, and to pay besides $1,000 per annum on the salary of a professor of systematic theology.

The Synod of Southwestern Virginia unofficially informs us, through Rev. Dr. W. B. Yonce and the Rev. W. E. Hubbert, that the Salem Improvement Company offers to furnish free of cost a suitable

site for the proposed Lutheran Theological Seminary, within the corporate limits of that town ; and while they have no binding pledges for the erection of a Seminary building thereon, they feel assured from a canvass made for this purpose, that they can procure a building fund of at least $5,000. They therefore offer this lot, or some other, with suitable buildings thereon, in Salem, on condition that the contemplated Seminary be located in that town.

A. J. BROWN,
P. N. HEILIG,
W. E. HUBBERT,
H. A. MEETZE,
J. K. HANCHER,
H. S. TROUT,
J. H. WILSON,
P. E. WISE.

The following resolutions were introduced and considered separately :

Resolved 1. That, as a provisional arrangement for the establishment of a Theological Seminary, we accept the proposition of the S. C. Synod, and pledge ourselves to the support of a second professor.

Resolved 2. That a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, consisting of 18 members, be now elected, with instructions to open the institution on the second Monday in October, 1890.

Resolved 3. That a committee be appointed to nominate to this body two professors of theology.

The vote on the first resolution was taken by the ayes and nays, and resulted as follows :

Ayes—Geo. H. Cox, W. R. Brown, W. Kimball, S. L. Keller, J. A. Fisher, T. L. Seigle, J. Z. Schultz, H. C. McAllister, W. H. Strauss, P. N. Heilig, J. S. Koiner, W. P. Cline, J. F. Moser, H. A. Meetze, A. H. Crowel, C. M. Efird, J. Hawkins, E. T. Horn, E. A. Wingard, G. W. Holland, J. H. Wilson, C. A. Marks, J. E. Berley, A. H. Kohn, O. B. Mayer, H. H. Folk, J. S. Moser, H. E. Grosch, W. B. Yonce, L. A. Fox, J. E. Bushnell, J. N. Derrick, W. S. Bowman, H. S. Wingard, J. D. Groover,—35.

Nays—F. W. E. Peschau, A. L. Crouse, J. A. Rudisill, C. H. Bernheim, J. K. Efird, A. L. Henkel, Luther

Mosteller, J. S. Lipe, L. G. M. Miller, W. J. Smith, J. A. Snyder, T. O. Keister, L. L. Smith, J. H. Zittle, R. F. Davis, C. W. Heater, W. M. Bucher, S. T. Shank, A. J. Brown, J. K. Hancher, W. E. Hubbert,—21.

The second resolution was adopted, and the following committee to nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was appointed: Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., C. M. Efird, Esq., Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Rev. J. N. Derrick, Rev. J. K. Hancher, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.

Rev. J. F. Moser, chairman, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We, your committee, appointed to nominate a Board of Education, would respectfully name the following: Rev. W. E. Hubbert, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. S. L. Keller, Rev. J. C. Moser, Rev. E. A. Wingard, Mr. A. L. Henkel, Capt. W. A. Barrier.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOSER,
H. S. WINGARD,
JOHN H. ZITTLE,
P. N. HEILIG,
C. A. MARKS.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning. Prayer with Rev. C. A. Marks.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19, 9.30 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with divine services, conducted by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The following was adopted:

Forasmuch as it is the design of this United Synod that all contributions for the work of Foreign Missions be applied to that object, be it

Resolved, That any moneys received for Foreign Missions, which our Board of Missions may not be able to use for this purpose, may, at the discretion of our Board, be paid out for the use of some other foreign mission or missions of the Lutheran Church.

The Secretary was authorized to assess each District Synod two dollars for each delegate to which it is entitled, to pay for the printing of the Minutes and the Secretary twenty-five dollars for his services.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby unanimously and most heartily extended to the members and friends of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Wilmington, and to the pastor, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, A. M., for their unbounded hospitality and their considerate provision for our every possible comfort.

Resolved, That we acknowledge our obligations to the Wilmington Seacoast Railway, and the Ocean View Railroad, and to the Committee on Entertainment, for the very enjoyable excursion taken by the members of this body on last Saturday afternoon. We also thank Superintendent Nolan, of the W. S. R. R., and President A. S. VanAmringe, for their kind personal attentions. And that we also record our indebtedness to the excellent choir and organist of St. Paul's Church, for their presence at all the opening services, and to Mr. John Haar, Jr., for special personal attention, and also to Deacon M. George Tiencken, and to J. D. H. Klander, Esq.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Wilmington papers, and that a copy be sent to the officers of the railroads named.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have 5,000 copies of the Minutes printed, and distributed pro rata, and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer, by the officers, to pay for the same, and that the Secretary have it done on the cheapest and best terms.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this body be authorized to pay the sexton of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, five dollars for services.

Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., chairman of the committee appointed to nominate eighteen persons as a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported the follow-

ing, who were thereupon elected :—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. W. P. Cline, Hon. H. A. Meetze, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. J. S. Moser, Capt. J. H. Zittle, Rev. W. B. Yonce, Ph. D., Hon. H. S. Trout, Rev. H. S. Wingard, Rev. J. N. Derrick, Rev. J. K. Hancher, Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. J. A. Sligh, Geo. B. Cromer, Esq., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, Rev. W. Kimball, Capt. T. L. Seigle.

The third resolution, relative to the Theological Seminary, was adopted, and the following committee appointed to nominate two theological professors :—Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., Rev. J. N. Derrick, Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Rev. G. W. Holland, D. D., Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox read the report of the Committee on Church Literature, which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your committee has learned with pleasure that the Common Service is being successfully introduced into many of our churches, and that our people are becoming more and more in love with its beauty and churchliness.

We recommend that the deliverance of the Synod at Savannah (p. 33, item 2) with reference to securing its intelligent use, be reiterated by this convention.

The importance of having proper Lutheran literature for our Sunday-schools being fully recognized, and the necessity of a general uniformity in the training of our children in harmony with the historic doctrines and usages of our beloved Church being fully appreciated, we therefore recommend that a standing committee on Sunday-school literature be appointed, with instructions to investigate the Lesson Helps furnished by all Lutheran publishers who may submit their publications, and that the committee report to the next convention of this body.

Our Church Paper, published at New Market, Va., continues to render valuable service to the Church. It is carefully edited by several of our pastors, one of whom contributes much of interest from the source of the American German Lutheran papers. The editors and contributors present instructive discussions of the leading questions and main departments of Church work. It abounds in wholesome

and edifying reading matter for the Christian family, and fidelity to the Creed and the usages of the Church of the Reformation, and at the same time a catholic Christian spirit seems to mark its management.

The *Lutheran Visitor* has not only maintained its popularity and excellence, but has also made marked improvements, and has therefore been all the more welcome in the homes where it has been read for years, but enjoys a larger circulation and has more subscribers than it has ever had in its history.

The *Lutheran Home* has been transferred from Salem, Va., and will be in future issued from the office of the *Lutheran Visitor*, at Newberry, S. C.

We wish still greater success to all of our Church publications.

The *Mission News*, published by our efficient Board of Missions, will be greatly improved by the arrangements already consummated. We recommend that the action of the Synod at this convention be earnestly sustained, and the introduction of a copy of the *Mission News* be secured for every family in our congregations.

The Publishing House of Messrs. Henkel & Co. is issuing numerous works of a religious character.

The committee expresses the hope that the Synod, at no distant day, may have a publication house under its own control.

J. E. BUSHNELL,
G. H. COX,
A. L. HENKEL,
J. A. RUDISILL.

On motion, the President appointed the following Committee on Sunday-school Literature :—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. W. S. Brown, Rev. J. K. Hancher, Messrs. A. H. Kohn, J. Ed. Cooper, J. D. Groover, and Rev. J. N. Derrick.

Capt. J. H. Zittle, chairman, read the following report, which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the United Synod of the Evang. Lutheran Church in the South :

We, the committee, have examined the report of the Treasurer, Capt. Barrier, and find it correct, with the proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. ZITTLE,
C. WULBOURN,
Wm. H. STRAUSS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 14, 1889.

W. A. BARRIER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
UNITED SYNOD OF EV. LUTH. CHURCH, SOUTH.

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1888.			
Feb. 25.	To am't rec'd of P. N. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod	50 00	
Mar. 6.	To am't rec'd of V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod	50 00	
Mar. 15.	To am't rec'd of H. S. Trout, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod	43 25	
Mar. 21.	To am't rec'd of P. E. Wise, Treas. S. C. Synod	70 00	
Apr. 15.	To amt' rec'd of Wm. Jennings, Treas. Ga. Synod	36 00	
Apr. 15.	To am't rec'd of P. N. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod	10 00	
Apr. 23.	To am't rec'd of J. H. Summit, Treas. Holston Synod	28 60	
Oct. 30.	To am't rec'd of R. A. Cobble, Treasurer Holston Synod	30 00	
1889.			
Nov. 14.	To am't rec'd of W. J. Duffie (Publisher)	228 83	
	Total receipts		$609 55
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Nov. 29.	By am't paid A. L. Crouse for telegrams, postage, express, &c.—vou. No. 1	$ 5 00	
Nov. 29.	By am't paid A. L. Crouse, Sec'y con. 1887 —voucher No. 2	25 00	
1888.			
Mar. 31.	By am't paid Dr. Henkel for printing 3,000 copies Minutes 1887—vou. No. 3	194 50	
May 31.	By am't paid S. T. Hallman, per order Dr. Horn, for exp. on Minutes—vou. No. 4	4 25	
	Total disbursements		$228 75
1889.			
Nov. 14.	Balance in Treasury		$380 80

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BARRIER, TREASURER.

Rev. J. S. Koiner, Rev. C. A. Marks, and Mr. H. E. Grosch were appointed a committee to nominate visitors to the General Synod and General Council.

The Treasurer was ordered to make settlement with the Secretary.

The Secretary was instructed to open correspondence with other general Lutheran bodies in this country, with a view to an interchange of visitors or delegates.

Rev. Dr. Yonce, Rev. Dr. Brown, Rev. J. K. Hancher, and Mr. A. L. Henkel were excused from further attendance.

The Committee on Nomination of Theological Professors, through its chairman, Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., named Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D., of Allentown, Pa., for the Senior Professorship, and Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., for the Junior Professorship. They were unanimously elected by the Synod.

Hon. H. S. Trout was re-elected Treasurer of the former Salem Seminary Fund. Mr. Trout was excused from further attendance.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of vote of thanks to the daily papers of this city for publication; also the Wilmington Sea Coast Railway and the Ocean View Railroad.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the salary of the Senior Professor, Dr. S. A. Repass, be $1,500 per annum, and that the salary of the Junior Professor, Rev. A. G. Voigt, be $1,300 per annum.

Resolved, That the amount necessary for the support of the Seminary be apportioned by the Board of Directors of the Seminary, as the agent of this Synod, per capita, among the several synods composing this United Synod.

The President, Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., offered to turn over to the Theological Seminary the amount of money voted to him by Synod to pay his traveling expenses incurred in the preparation of the Common Service, which offer was accepted with thanks.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the Atlantic Coast Line, the Carolina Central Railroad, and other roads of the Southern Passenger Association, and to M. Slaughter, Esq., for the kindness and favors shown us in reduction of rates of travel, and that the Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to the proper authorities.

The following report was read by Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, received, and adopted:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Your delegate to the Northern General Synod would respectfully report that, very much to his regret, he found it impossible to attend the sessions of the General Synod at Allegheny City, Penna., and that the alternate also found it impossible to attend. Your delegate, therefore, sent a letter of fraternal greetings which elicited the following action from that honorable body:

"The Rev. F. W. Peschau sends with his credentials, as delegate from the United Synod of the South, the cordial greetings of that body. He congratulates the General Synod upon the great work it is doing, and expresses his regret at not meeting with us in this convention.—His letter also calls attention to the fact, that a new Synod has been organized within the bounds of the United Synod of the South, known as 'The Alpha Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Freedmen in North America.' Our co-operation is asked in the freedmen's work; and also that we appoint a delegate to the next convention of the United Synod of the South, at Wilmington, N. C., in November, 1889.

"Your Committee recommends—

"*a.* That we receive with great gratification this expression of fraternal love from our brethren of the United Synod.

"*b.* That we rejoice in the interest manifested in our colored brethren—the work being done *by* them and *for* them—a work in which many of our pastors and people have long been deeply interested, and in which our interest does not abate.

"*c.* That a delegate be appointed to convey to the United Synod of the South the assurance of our continued fraternal regard."

They also elected a delegate to our body, in the person of Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., of Philadelphia, who is present, in attendance upon our sessions, to present the greetings of the General Synod.

In conclusion, let me, after thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, recommend that a representative of our body be chosen to

the next convention of the General Synod, which is to be held in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Penna., May 20, 1891.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. E. PESCHAU.

The following, concerning orphans' homes, was adopted:

Believing that it is the duty of all Christians to foster the care of orphans, and the United Synod of the South having no such orphanage under its control; therefore,

Resolved 1st. That a committee of one from each District Synod, be appointed to receive offers of property or moneys for the establishment of orphan homes within the bounds of the United Synod, South.

Resolved 2d. That, if any generous offers are made to them, they shall have power to act at once, and said committee shall be considered a committee of ways and means for the founding and opening of said orphanage.

The President appointed as the committee provided for, the following: Capt. T. L. Seigle, T. W. Miller, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. J. Austin, Rev. J. N. Derrick, Rev. J. K. Hancher.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the guardians of the fund of the Theological Seminary, formerly at Salem, Va., be requested to place into the hands of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod, the interest accruing from said fund.

The Committee on Nomination of Visitors to the General Council and General Synod, through its chairman, Rev. J. S. Koiner, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, appointed to nominate visitors, respectfully nominate Rev. L. G. M. Miller as visitor to the General Synod, with Dr. W. S. Bowman as alternate; and Dr. E. T. Horn to the General Council, with Dr. S. Henkel as alternate.

J. S. KOINER,
C. A. MARKS,
H. E. GROSCH.

The selection of the place of next meeting was left to the officers of Synod. The selection of the time was left to the officers of Synod in consultation with the pastor, where the meeting shall be held.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the President inform our congregations by circular letter of the increase in apportionments and expenses of Synod, so as to secure, as far as possible, general and generous responses.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, and Synod was closed by the President according to the form in the Common Service.

I certify that the foregoing is a faithful and correct record of the transactions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, in its third convention, held in St. Paul's Church, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., November 14–19, 1889.

A. L. CROUSE, *Secretary*.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D., Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Rev. L. K. Probst, Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. Wm. A. Lutz, Rev. T. H. Wyse.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

ST. PAUL'S E. L. CHURCH.

Wednesday, 8 P. M.—Lecture on Martin Luther, by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D.

Thursday, 11 A. M.—Synodical Sermon by Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., and the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday, 8 P. M.—Missionary Services; addresses by Rev. L. K. Probst, Hon. H. A. Meetze, Rev. Dr. W. S. Bowman.

Friday, 8 P. M.—Missionary Services; addresses by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. Dr. Conrad, and Rev. Dr. L. A. Fox.

Sunday, 11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. S. B. Barnitz.

Sunday, 3 P. M.—Sunday-school Meeting; addresses by Revs. Hancher, Probst, Cox, Barnitz, and Peschau.

Monday, 8 P. M.—Home Mission Service; address by Rev. S. B. Barnitz.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

11 A. M.—Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN.

11 A. M.—Rev. C. A. Rose.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.

8 P. M.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D.; lecture on Martin Luther.

BLADEN STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. W. A. Lutz.

COLORED METHODIST CHURCH.

3 P. M.—Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D.

SEAMEN'S BETHEL.

4.30 P. M.—Rev. J. S. Koiner.

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PAROCHIAL.

Names of Synods.	Organized.	Number of Ministers.	Churches.	Stations.	Losses.			Accessions.					Communicant Membership.	Finances.		
					Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication and all others.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Certificate.	Restoration.		Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	
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REPORT.

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DAY-SCHOOL.				BENEVOLENCE.										
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SYNODICAL CALENDAR.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT—REV. D. M. MOSER, SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.
VICE-PRESIDENT—REV. R. C. HOLLAND, D. D., CHARLESTON, S. C.
SECRETARY—REV. A. L. CROUSE, HICKORY, N. C.
TREASURER—COL. P. N. HEILIG, SALISBURY, N. C.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. E. A. Wingard, Rev. H. S. Wingard, J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., Hon. H. A. Meetze, and C. M. Efird, Esq.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time and place of the next meeting left to the arrangement of the officers.

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KNOXVILLE, TENN., June 22, 1892.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met to-day at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. H. S. Wingard was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The roll being called, and it appearing that there was no quorum present, Synod adjourned to meet at the call of the President. Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D., preached a sermon.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 23, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and a sermon was preached by the President, the Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., from Luke 2:46; after which the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Synod was then called to order by the President, Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., and the Secretary, Rev. A. L. Crouse, being present, called the roll of the Synods and recorded the names of the following delegates:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—C. A. Rose, Geo. H. Cox, C. A. Marks, C. B. King, J. Q. Wertz, W. R. Brown.

LAY—I. Frank Patterson, Col. P. N. Heilig, Geo. E. Ritchie, C. G. Heilig, W. A. Lentz.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—E. T. Horn, D. D., G. W. Holland, D. D., J. A. Sligh, E. A. Wingard, L. E. Busby, W. C. Schaeffer, R. C. Holland, D. D., A. G. Voigt.

LAY—Geo. B. Cromer, J. C. Seegers, J. D. Cappelmann, H. H. Folk, J. B. Wingard, D. B. Wheeler, A. D. Haltiwanger.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

CLERICAL—S. Henkel, D. D., J. I. Miller, D. D., P. C. Wike, A. L. Crouse.

LAY—Hon. H. A. Meetze.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—D. M. Moser, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., W. J. Smith, J. A. Snyder, G. W. Spiggle.

LAY—J. E. Cooper, Major A. Koiner.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—J. B. Greever, J. B. Greiner, W. Y. Cline, J. J. Scherer, C. Armand Miller.

LAY—J. L. Groseclose.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

CLERICAL—A. J. Brown, D. D., J. K. Hancher, J. A. Henson.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—H. S. Wingard, J. S. Elmore.

LAY—D. E. Riesser, G. P. Hodnett.

The President then read his report, which was held for the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: When the United Synod adjourned at Wilmington, November 19th, 1889, the selection of the place for this meeting was left to the officers; and the time to the officers in consultation with the pastor of the church in which the meeting should be held. No invitation was then presented; and it is my impression that it was agreed that if the meeting should be held in the Southern part of our territory it should be called in the fall of 1891; but if in the Northern, at some time after the first

of June, 1892, in order to get the advantage of summer rates of fare on the railroads. Very soon after the adjournment an invitation was offered by the congregation at Staunton, Va., and accepted; and in accordance with the statement just made, June, 1892, was fixed in my mind as the time of meeting. The Synod of Virginia at its last convention passed a resolution asking the United Synod to meet during the fall, and this was formally communicated to me; but I learned that it would not be convenient to other synods, nor did it appear to me, in the discretion allowed by the last United Synod, that there were good reasons for disturbing the arrangements made. I have not acknowledged the Virginia Synod's request further than to acknowledge the receipt of it, knowing that this body would meet and I would report to it before the annual convention of that venerable body. When, however, the time drew near for this convention, it was found that any time subsequent to June 15th would be inconvenient to the congregation at Staunton; while any time before June 22nd would interfere with the attendance of those members who are officially connected with the colleges of the Church. Therefore we regretfully acquiesced in the withdrawal of the invitation of the congregation at Staunton, and thankfully accepted an invitation from the child of this United Synod, St. John's church of Knoxville, Tenn.

Since our last meeting three who have often been members of our general body, and in their synods have been most useful, T. L. Seigle, G. Leaphart and W. A. Barrier, have passed away. We miss them. The first was chairman of an important committee of this synod; the second was elected a delegate; the last, at the time of his death, was our Treasurer. In virtue of the power vested in us by the constitution, the officers appointed Rev. T. S. Brown, of Salem, Va., to succeed him. Capt. Barrier's account, sent to me by his executor, is herewith submitted.

Capt. Barrier bequeathed to this United Synod the residue of his estate to be used in establishing a Theological Seminary. His executor, C. H. Duls, Esq., of Charlotte, N. C., promptly sent me a copy of his will, which is herewith submitted.

In order that you may accept and use this gift I procured to be passed through the Legislature of South Carolina, by the kind offices of Hon. H. A. Meetze especially, a member of the Senate, an Act incorporating this body, which is herewith submitted for your acceptance or rejection.

The officers of this synod promptly communicated to Rev. Dr. Repass and Rev. A. G. Voigt the action of our last convention establishing a Theological Seminary at Newberry, S. C., and electing them Professors. Both declined. The South Carolina Synod therefore maintained its Theological Seminary at Newberry, and were fortunate enough, at the beginning of the scholastic year just ended, to secure the services of Prof. Voigt.

I may be allowed to interject into this official report the statement

both official and personal, that the Treasurer (Capt. Barrier) asked me what disposition he should make of the money ordered to be paid to me for expenses incurred in the service of the Church (Min. 1889, p. 70), which I "offered to turn over to the Theological Seminary." I directed him to pay it to me, and while the establishment of a Theological Seminary has been doubtful, have used it to continue my liturgical work; until a Seminary having been begun I may give it as I wished.

The extension of our Home Mission work, the beginning of a Foreign mission, the completion of our payments on the property of the congregation by which we are entertained, are reason for thanksgiving to God and are full of encouragement.

A committee on an Orphanage was appointed at our last convention. Meanwhile a determined and self-denying effort to found such an institution has been made near Roanoke, Va. I submit herewith a letter from the Superintendent and ask you to consider it.

In order to secure a greater degree of unity, I recommend that this United Synod, in its capacity as an advisory body, formally interpret "the Confessions" to which a candidate for ordination is bound by his ordination oath (Bk. of Worship, p. 254) to mean the Confessions acknowledged in the doctrinal basis of this body, and ask each of the synods composing this Synod to confirm this interpretation; and also recommend that any applicant for membership in the Ministerium of any of our synods, wherever he may have been ordained, be required to signify that he has examined these Confessions and acknowledges them as the expression of his faith.

I beg leave to thank you for the great honor you have given me in calling me to preside over you, and to tell you that I appreciated it.

EDWARD T. HORN.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

An election of officers was ordered. Rev. J. K. Hancher, H. H. Folk and Rev. W. R. Brown were apppointed tellers. The result of the election was:

Rev. D. M. Moser, *President.*

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., *Vice-President.*

Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Secretary.*

Col. P. N. Heilig, *Treasurer.*

President Moser took the chair.

The hours for business were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 to 5 P. M.

Synod adjourned to the afternoon hour. Prayer with Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod met, and was led in prayer by Rev. G. W. Holland, D. D. The roll was called.

A communication from Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D., Visitor from the General Council, was read and ordered to be spread upon the face of the Minutes.

ALLENTOWN, PENN., June 2, 1892.

To the President of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

REV. AND DEAR BRO.: The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, at its Convention held in Buffalo, N. Y., October, 1891, appointed me as Visitor to the approaching Convention of your body, with Rev. Edmund Belfan, D. D., as Alternate. We sincerely regret that pressing duties outside our pastoral work prevent either of us being present.

I am authorized to communicate through you to the United Synod the fraternal greetings of the General Council, assuring you of its sincere interest in your work in the extension and defense of the Gospel as held and maintained by us. United in the "same faith and the use of a common order of worship," we confidently cherish the hope that this may grow on into closer external relations between us and, indeed, all who bear our common name.

Nor is it less a matter of rejoicing to us to learn of your activity in the work of Home and Foreign Missions. With the increasing demand for greater efficiency, the Lord is inclining his people to enlarged liberality. We recognize no call as more imperative than that to gather in the dispersed of our own faith in this land, as well as to send the Gospel to those in the regions beyond. And being one in faith and work, we believe that the Lord Jesus will in his own time and way effect in us whatever external union will most certainly promote his own glory.

The General Council will hold its next convention in Fort Wayne, Ind., in October, 1892. As the Council will then celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary, it would afford us special pleasure to welcome a Visitor from the United Synod. Very fraternally,

S. A. REPASS.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispens:d with.

The following report of the Treasurer was read:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., November 24, 1890.

W. A. BARRIER, TREASURER,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

DR.

1889.				
Nov.	15.	Balance in Treasurer's hands	$ 380 80	
Nov.	16.	Received of J. C. DuBard, Treasurer Mississippi Synod	10 00	
1890.				
Jan.	19.	Received of H. S. Trout, Treasurer S. W. Virginia Synod	16 00	
Feb.	2.	Received of V. R. Stickley, Treasurer Virginia Synod	24 00	
Feb.	4.	Received of Major P. E. Wise, Treasurer South Carolina Synod	28 00	
Feb.	11.	Received of Col. P. N. Heilig, Treasurer North Carolina Synod	28 00	
Feb.	19.	Received of A. L. Crouse order for Tennessee Synod	22 40	
March	16.	Received of Wm. Jenkins, Treasurer Georgia Synod.	8 00	
March	10.	Received of J. C. DuBard, Treasurer Mississippi Synod.	4 00	
March	12.	Received of J. B. Rodgers, Treasurer Holston Synod	8 00	—$ 529 20

CR.

1889.				
Nov.	19.	Paid John Boecher, Sexton at Wilmington, per order Synod	$ 5 00	
Dec.	18.	Paid Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., per order of Synod.	$ 228 83	
1890.				
Feb.	22.	Paid Henkel & Co. for printing Minutes of U. S. Synod 1890	242 00	
Feb.	22.	Paid Rev. A. L. Crouse for recording Minutes, Blank books, etc..	22 40	—$ 498 23
		Balance		$ 30 97

SALEM, VA., June 17, 1892.

T. S. BROWN IN ACCOUNT WITH UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

DR.

1890.			
Nov.	To amount from C. H. Duls, Admin. Capt. W. A. Barrier, deceased	$	30 97
1891.			
May 20.	To amount from Rev. J. B. Rodgers, Secretary		75 00
July 10.	To amount from Rev. J. B. Rodgers		75 00
		$	180 97

CR.

1891.			
Mar. 31.	By amount paid Rev. Crouse, Secretary	$	25 90
June 9.	By amount paid Rev. Dr. Horn, Pres.		75 00
Sept. 8.	By amount paid J. D. Cappelmann, Tr.		75 00
	By Balance		5 07
		$	180 87
1892.			
June 17.	To balance	$	5 07

The following report from H. S. Trout was read:

H. S. TROUT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(FORMERLY LOCATED AT SALEM, VA.)

1889.			
Nov. 14.	To Cash on hand this date	$	374 34
	Interest to June 1st, 1892		57.78
1890.			
May 10.	To Interest of Virginia Synod		120 00
	Interest on same to June 1st, 1892		14 82
July 24.	Interest of J. T. Crabtree		34 99
	Interest on same to June 1st, 1892		3 89
1891.			
Feb. 2.	To Interest of Virginia Synod		120 00
	Interest on same to June 1st, 1892		9 58
	Total Cash on hand	$	735 40

One note of Virginia Synod	$2000 00
Interest due on same	120 00
One note of J. T. Crabtree	291 60
Interest due on same	14 60
One note of Rev. W. B. Yonce	100 00
Interest due on same	19 00
One note of M. P. Frantz	247 00
Interest due on same	44 46
One note of M. P. Frantz	200 00
Interest due on same	36 00
One note of Wm. McCauley	883 58
Interest due on same	318 06

The following report was read by Dr. Horn and received for consideration:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Herewith is respectfully submitted the narrative of the Board's proceedings since the meeting of the United Synod in Wilmington, N. C., in November of 1889. At that meeting the following persons were elected as a Board of Missions: Revs. Edward T. Horn, D. D., E. A. Wingard, R. C. Holland, D. D., H. S. Wingard, and Messrs. H. A. Meetze, C. M. Efird and J. D. Cappelmann, Esqs. At a special meeting of the Board, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, the Rev. L. K. Probst was re-elected General Secretary at his former salary of $1,200 per annum. At the first regular meeting of the Board a formal organization was effected by the election of Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, President; J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., Treasurer; and Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SYNOD.

The recommendations adopted by the United Synod at Wilmington, by which the Board has been guided in its operations during the past two and a half years, were as follows:

1. We recommend that the Board be authorized to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod $6,000 per annum for the work of Home Missions.

2. We recommend that the Board be instructed to send out a Missionary as early as practicable; and that the Board be instructed and authorized to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod $3,000 per annum for this work.

3. The Board was authorized and directed to purchase in Knoxville a suitable lot for the erection of a church.

4. In regard to the First Church at Richmond, Va., the Board was

instructed to use its discretion, either to continue the (then) present arrangement, or to sell the property if, as proposed by the Virginia Synod and approved by the congregation at Richmond, the entire proceeds of the sale, after the payment of the recognized debt, be paid to the Board of Missions of the United Synod, to be used at its discretion in the city of Richmond.

BOARD INCORPORATED.

On December 24, 1890, this Board of Missions was made a corporate body by the Legislature of South Carolina, under the name "Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South." The Board has seeured a seal. The charter was formally accepted by the Board at a regular meeting April 8, 1891.

The Charter reads as follows:

AN ACT to incorporate the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. R. C. Holland, Rev. E. A. Wingard, Rev. H. S. Wingard, J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., H. A. Meetze and C. M. Efird, Esq., be, and the same are, with their successors in office, created a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the "Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

SEC. 2. That the said Board shall under the name aforesaid have succession of officers according to its own rules, and shall have power to make such rules and regulations for its deliberations and the management of its business as are not repugnant to the constitution, rules, regulations and by-laws of, and powers and instructions given it by, "The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South;" to have, keep and use a common seal, and the same to alter at will; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law, and to have and enjoy every right incident to incorporated bodies.

SEC. 3. That the said Board shall retain, possess and enjoy all such property as they may now be possessed of or entitled to, or which shall hereafter be given, bequeathed to, or in any manner acquired by it, and to sell, alien or in any way transfer the same or any part thereof.

Approved December 24, A. D. 1890

GENERAL SECRETARY.

The General Secretary ot the Board has continued to make Knoxville, Tenn., his headquarters. He has regularly served our Mission Church there, and the contributions from that church for salary have been turned into the treasury of this Board. He has whenever practicable attended the conventions of the District Synods and Missionary Societies to develop

interest in the work of the Board and to secure money for the same. He has also had general oversight of the work of the Churches at Richmond, Va., as well as of the new work at Bristol and adjacent points, which will be mentioned later in this report. He has in addition, in connection with the President, carried on the general correspondence incident to the Home and Foreign work of the Board. He has also had general oversight of the publication of the *Mission News*. He attended and kept a record of the meetings of the Board at Charleston, S. C., in January and July of 1890, in April of 1891, and May of 1892; at Newberry, S. C., in October of 1890, and at Augusta, Ga., in October of 1891. He also visited in the interest of the Home Mission work, Atlanta, Ga., once; Chattanooga, Tenn., once; Winston, three times; Salisbury, N. C., and Lynchburg, Va., once; Roanoke and Salem, Va., once; Bristol, Johnson City, Greenville and Morristown, Tenn., several times; Williamsport and Philadelphia, Penn., once; and in addition he has regularly attended the annual conventions of the Women's Societies in Southwest Virginia, and in North and South Carolina; also the annual meetings of the North Carolina, the South Carolina, the Virginia, the Southwest Virginia and the Holston Synods, except in one instance when prevented by sickness.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Board has endeavored to increase the interest of the children of the Church in the work for Missions. It has continued to furnish constitutions for Societies and certificates of membership. The demand for these has not been as great as during previous years. We do not take this, however, as an indication that interest in Missions is decreasing among our children, as we have many proofs of the contrary. In order, however, to increase the contributions from this source, the Board in April of 1891 suggested to the schools of the Church, "*That one month be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as a Missionary Month.*" We would ask the Synod to recommend that work among the children in the interest of Missions be pressed by all pastors and Missionary Societies, in order not only that the receipts in our treasury may be increased, but that a spirit of liberal giving for Missions may be developed in the younger members of our churches.

CO-OPERATION OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

At the last United Synod the Committee on Missions urged a larger co-operation in Mission work on the part of the District Synods, in order that the "energies and resources of the Church might be concentrated, as far as practicable and desirable, on important missionary points, and thus do a work more successfully and speedily than it could be done by an individual Synod." It was urged by this Committee that the Mission

work of the Church should be conducted as much as practicable through the United Synod.

The Board has not been able to secure entire co-operation in this matter. All the Synods, with perhaps the exception of one, the Holston Synod, are carrying on special local work in addition to the work which the Board has done through the co-operation of all. We would not wish to make the impression that the Board has endeavored to force its work upon the District Synods; neither are we prepared to say that this policy, carried to an extreme, would be the best policy. We do say, however, that the Board has made an honest effort to induce the District Synods to give, in addition to what they felt they must contribute to their local work, their proportionate part for the general work of the Board. How fully we have been successful in this effort the report of our treasurer will show.

In at least four of the District Synods local Church Extension Societies have been organized. There is danger of conflict between the appeals of these Societies and the appeals of this Board. It is to be hoped, however, that the people will be taught the difference between the local and the general work, and will be willing to contribute to both.

SPECIAL SUNDAYS FOR MISSION COLLECTIONS.

In order that an interest in and contributions for Missions might be increased, the Board has resolved, "*That the congregations of the United Synod be requested to set apart two Sundays in the year* (*Whit-Sunday and the second Sunday in November*) for Missionary collections, the contributions to be forwarded to the treasurer of this Board."

THE SETZLER FUND.

The Board accepted the proposition of Dr. F. M. Setzler to raise funds for the Mission work of the United Synod, and all persons who were willing to subscribe $5.00 per annum were requested to forward their names to the chairman of this Board; and our church papers kindly kept open a space for the acknowledgment of these subscriptions from time to time. Twenty-nine persons gave this pledge.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION.

An appeal for special contributions was sent out early this year. This appeal brought pledges for Home Missions of $60.00 per annum, and for Foreign Missions of $57.00 per annum. Of the former amount $24.00 and and of the latter $23.00 had been paid in at the last meeting of this Board.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

In the Southwest Virginia Synod there are thirty-one Women's Missionary Societies, with 543 members, who contributed last year $1,248.13.* In North Carolina there are twenty-two Women's Societies, with 507 members, who contributed $697.00. In South Carolina there are seventeen Women's Societies, with 390 members, who contributed $461.62. Five hundred dollars of the amount raised in the Southwest Virginia Synod were paid into this Board's treasury, and the other Societies paid all or nearly all of their funds over to this Board.

There are individual Societies in some of the other Synods, one of which reports directly to this Board and is deserving of special mention. It is the Society of Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester, Va., which has sixty members, and for the year ending March 31st, 1892, contributed $125.80.

At the last Convention of the United Synod these Societies requested advice in regard to the matter of holding a general convention, and expressed a desire for a special work to be assigned to them. The matter of a general convention was left to the discretion of the Societies themselves, but they were recommended to continue to co-operate with the United Synod through the District Synods in which they are located. The Societies have continued to thus co-operate, and the Board in 1891 assigned to them the work of completing the payment which was owed by the Board on the Knoxville Mission. A sufficient amount was paid by the women into the Board's treasury (about $1,500) to make these payments. The Board has found the Women's Societies to be valuable auxiliaries in their work, and the assistance they have so cheerfully rendered has been very much appreciated. It has been practically proven also that the money contributed by the Women's Societies to objects away from home does not diminish contributions to the local church work. It should be the policy of the Board for the next year to assign to the women a special work, so that the cordial relation and co-operation now existing between the several States may be continued.

We would be glad to see more Societies organized, and especially in congregations which are not systematically worked for Missions.

This report would be incomplete if we failed to express our great pleasure in the successful completion of the Memorial Church at Pulaski, Va., by the Women's Society of Southwest Virginia Synod, at a cost of $7,000.

THE "MISSION NEWS."

The action of the United Synod at its last meeting in regard to the *Mission News* was in substance that, if the Board thought it advisable, it should be published monthly; each pastor was requested to send a mailing list of the families of his congregation to the Secretary, and each con-

* These figures are taken from their own reports.

gregation was to be requested to pay for the copies received by it. In actual experience it was found that the plan did not work satisfactorily, many congregations having expressed an unwillingness to pay for papers received by the members. The Board during the first year trusted to what it received from individual subscribers, and continued to issue the paper for general and, in many instances, gratuitous distribution. In October of 1890 the Board determined to make the *News* a monthly, to cost fifty cents a year, and to put it on an entirely subscription basis. Under this arrangement Rev. S. T. Hallman was made Business Agent and office Editor, at a salary of $15.00 a month (thus supplementing his salary as Missionary at Augusta). Mrs. Dr. L. A. Fox, of Salem, Va., was secured to edit a Woman's Department, and the Rev. C. Armand Miller took charge of the Bible Study Department. A department in the paper was reserved for the Board's special communications, and all Missionary matter was put under the supervision and authority of the Secretary.

The Business Manager has submitted a balance sheet on the last day of each month to the President of the Board, and the report of our Treasurer will show that the *Mission News* has cost the Board for the past two and a half years, over and above receipts from all sources, $979.73. The present circulation is ———.

ON OUR HOME AND FOREIGN WORK WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING DETAILS.

HOME MISSIONS.

AUGUSTA, GA.

The petition from the Augusta Mission Church, which was referred to this Board by the United Synod, was carefully considered and $25.00 per quarter were appropriated for the payment of the Missionary. The Board did not sanction the request for permission to make an appeal to the Church at large to pay the remaining debt of $1,900. This debt has now been reduced to $1,400. This Mission is still aided to the extent of $300 per annum by the South Carolina Synod, and is reported by its pastor, Rev. S. T. Hallman, to be in a flourishing condition. There are at present 100 members in the congregation, and 152 teachers and scholars in the Sunday School. The Church property is valued at $12,500, and the congregation last year for local expenses for all objects raised $1,053.38.

RICHMOND, VA.

The affairs of the First Church at Richmond have given the Board no little concern. Soon after the last meeting of the United Synod a Board of Trustees was elected by the congregation, one half of which were

members of the Virginia Synod and not of the congregation, viz.: J. E. Cooper, Winchester; Rev. J. A. Snyder, New Market, and Dr. R. F. Davis, Waynesboro. Up to August, 1890, the Virginia Synod had retained its interest in this Mission, and continued to aid in the support of its pastor; but at the annual meeting of the Synod that year the following resolutions were adopted:

1. This Synod hereby declares that, by action of this body at our last meeting, together with the action of the congregation and the Board of Missions (*see Minutes of United Synod at Wilmington, N. C.*), this Synod abdicated its authority over said Mission, and the said Mission is now directly and solely under the care of the Board of Missions, to whom it is responsible.

2. That this Synod declares it wise that the sale of said property be made as soon as practicable without sacrificing the same.

This Board signified its willingness to consent to the sale of the property, if a satisfactory sale could be effected. The Trustees of the Richmond congregation agreed to this new arrangement, and also consented to the sale of the property, and expressed the opinion that it was worth $15,000. A decree for the sale of the property was therefore obtained from the Richmond Court; and the property was offered at both public and private sale, but a satisfactory offer was not obtained, and it has not been sold.

About this time, on account of seemingly irreconcilable differences in the congregation itself, the Pastor, Rev. J. S. Moser, resigned. The Board thereupon, through its Secretary, took possession of the First English Lutheran Church at Richmond. After a thorough investigation had been made it was determined, in spite of the difficulties which had presented themselves, to continue the work. Temporary supplies were obtained until; in the summer of 1891, the services of the Rev. J. C. Seegers were secured as regular pastor. Mr. Seegers has now had charge of the congregation for nearly a year, and his work has been attended with gratifying signs of success. He reports 85 contributing and 44 non-contributing members, and about 75 in the Sunday School. The congregation has during the past year paid an average of about $30.00 a month on pastor's salary, and its own current expenses. They now promise to pay not less than $50 a month, salary, and hope soon to be able to pay the whole salary. There is a debt still resting on the property of $4,800, besides a claim of $2,500 held by the Virginia Synod; and a note for $1,000 held by this Board of Missions, which are not to be collected, however, unless the Mission disbands or passes out of connection with the United Synod.

The Board feels that the work at Richmond is full of promise and that it ought to be prosecuted to ultimate success.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

At Wilmington, in 1889, the Board was authorized and directed to purchase in Knoxville a suitable lot for the erection of a Church. Steps were at once taken looking to the purchase of a Church site for the congregation which had been organized in Knoxville. In January of 1890 a Church known as the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was purchased at the price of $6,000. This building was most eligibly situated for the Lutheran congregation in Knoxville, being in almost the exact centre of the city, at the corner of Broad Street and 5th Avenue. The Board agreed to pay $4,000 of the purchase money and the Mission congregation agreed to pay the remainder, and to repair the Church at a cost of about $1,800. This contract was most faithfully kept by the Board and the congregation. All payments were made promptly as they came due, and on April 4, 1892, the last dollar of indebtedness on the Knoxville Mission Church was paid. The Church was dedicated on 7th June, 1890, the Revs. Drs. A. J. Brown and Edward T. Horn officiating on that occasion. The Board of Missions holds a duly recorded mortgage on the property for the amount of money paid by the Board. This mortgage, however, will not be foreclosed unless the Mission should disband or pass out of connection with this United Synod. The Board has presented to Maj. L. A. Gratz and C. H. Brown, attorneys of the City of Knoxville, resolutions expressing the appreciation of gratuitous legal services which were rendered by these gentlemen in connection with the purchase of this property.

The congregation of the Knoxville Church is incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, and has increased from 27 members to seventy, and the Sunday School has 70 scholars on its roll. About $250 have up to this time been contributed annually for salary, and all current expenses have been paid by the congregation. June 20 the congregation formally resolved henceforth to be a self-supporting Church, asking the advice of the Board of Missions in the selection of a pastor.

BRISTOL, TENN.

For several years the Board had been urged to begin work at Bristol, Tenn., which is an important town of some 7,000 inhabitants on the border line of Tennessee and Virginia. A number of Lutherans being resident there, in June of 1891 the Board secured the services of Rev. J. L. Murphy and instructed him to begin work at Bristol. It was also arranged that he should preach regularly at Morristown and Johnson City. At Morristown there was a Church building, but the congregation had not had a pastor for several years. Later in the year an organization was effected also at Greenville, Tenn., and this circuit of *four* places has been faithfully served by Mr. Murphy for the year. There are from fifteen to twenty Lutherans in each place, with regularly organized congregations

and Sunday Schools, and while we are not able to point to a completed work at any one of these places we believe that an important nucleus has been formed at each place, which with proper care can be successfully developed. Those acquainted with this section best realize the importance of this work for the Holston Synod, within whose bounds these towns are located. It is one of the weakest of all the Synods in connection with the United Synod, and its congregations are mainly in the country districts. Congregations established in the growing towns of Knoxville, Morristown, Johnson City, Greenville and Bristol, will mean a large step in advance for this Synod. The policy of the Board for another year should be the employment of two missionaries for this territory.

TRINITY CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.

Trinity Lutheran Church, located in the eastern suburb of the city of Richmond, Va., was organized as a Mission of the First Church in 1889. The Southwest Virginia Synod assisted the congregation in paying for its Church building and in the support of a pastor. During the summer of 1891 an urgent appeal was received from this Church to be taken under the care of the United Synod's Board. The Southwest Virginia Synod was willing, at the request of the congregation, to transfer the Mission to the general Board, and agreed should this be done to increase its payment into the Board's treasury from $900 to $1,000 per annum, the same to be paid in proportion during the year as its payments to its own Missions were paid. With this agreement the Board took up this Mission and managed to supply it with preaching. The services of Rev. Henry M. Petrea were secured as a supply, and he has regularly filled all appointments at this Church since the middle of December of 1891. At present the congregation averages about 60 in attendance, and about 50 children are in the Sunday School. The contributions which have averaged about $15.00 a month are growing. This Church building is a plain frame structure on a large lot, and a debt of $800 upon it is held by the Church Extension Society of the Southwest Virginia Synod.

WINSTON, N. C.

During the summer of 1891 Winston, N. C., was brought to the attention of the Board, as a point where general Mission work ought to be done. The North Carolina Synod in May of 1891 recommended that Winston be referred to the Board of Missions of the United Synod, and pledged earnest and active co-operation with any missionary that might be placed there. Investigation having been made the outlook was considered sufficiently favorable to justify the beginning of a Mission. The Board therefore acceded to the request of the North Carolina Synod, and

began operations at Winston January 1st, 1892. Rev. W. A. Lutz was selected as the missionary, and the congregation which was organized by him, under the name of the "Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Mission," now has 76 members and about 82 children in the Sunday School. They have contributed $25 a month for salary, besides paying current expenses. The North Carolina Synod at its meeting last May appropriated $1,500, in three equal successive annual installments payable annually in three years beginning January 1st, 1893, to this Board for the work in Winston. At the last meeting of this Board in May the question of the purchase of a Church site in Winston was discussed, but owing to the fact that satisfactory prices had not yet been given on the lots which were preferred by the congregation it was resolved that the negotiations for a lot in Winston should be continued.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

During the summer of 1890 Chattanooga, Tenn., was investigated, to ascertain whether a Mission Church could be established there. Some Lutherans were found who had not yet connected themselves with any Church, and more were found who had joined Churches of other denominations and expressed an unwillingness to leave them. A Lutheran Church belonging to the Missouri Synod was found to be in active operation in Chattanooga, in which English services were held once a day on Sunday, and to which all English Lutherans in the city were welcomed. The outlook being unfavorable for the establishment of a Mission by our Synod at this point, the matter was not further pressed.

ATLANTA, GA.

Investigations have been made at Atlanta, Ga., where there is already a German Lutheran Church, and a goodly number of English Lutherans have been located there. In the opinion of this Board Atlanta is a most promising mission point for our Church and should be taken up as soon as possible.

NORFOLK, VA.

Steps had been taken looking to the investigation of Norfolk, Va., and in the spring Rev. S. S. Rahn offered to attend to this for us during a visit to that city, if the Board would pay the additional expense incurred for that purpose. He has reported the names and residences of thirty Lutherans, who are interested in the matter, and wish to be organized as a congregation.

THE BOARD'S MISSIONARIES.

The Missionaries employed by the Board, furnish to the Secretary weekly or monthly statements of their work. Their salaries are set and

paid by the Board, and the contributions to their salaries from the congregations are paid into the treasury of the Board.

WORK FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE.

An earnest appeal for aid from the colored Church in Charlotte, N. C., was received by the Board. In the absence of instructions from the United Synod, and because of the small available amount of money in the treasury at the time the appeal was received, nothing was done for a while. At a later date the appeal was published in the *Mission News*, and the Board was about to make an appeal to the Church at large for this work, with the statement that we were ready to receive and disburse contributions for the erection of a Church for the colored Lutherans in Charlotte, N. C. About this time, however, the Church of the colored people at Charlotte having been taken up by the Missouri Synod, no further action in the premises was taken.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

At the last meeting of the United Synod there was a balance on hand for Home Missions of $819.82. There have been received since then for Home Missions $6,820.70. $7,176.34 have been expended, leaving a balance in the treasury of $464.18.

For the Knoxville fund there was at the last meeting of the United Synod a balance on hand of $510.93. Since that date $2,322.22 were received for this fund, making a total of $2,833.15—all of which has been expended.

The grand total received for Home Missions is $10,473.67.

RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend that the Board be instructed and authorized to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod $6,000 per annum for the work of Home Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In accordance with the instruction of the United Synod at its last meeting, to send out a Missionary as early as practicable, the Board continued its effort to secure a suitable Missionary. After several unsuccessful attempts, on June 1st, 1890, Mr. J. I. Goodman, of Roanoke, Va., offered himself as a Foreign Missionary. Mr. Goodman was elected and directed to prepare himself for the work in theology and medicine. Mr. Goodman completed this preparation with the full intention of going immediately into the foreign field. Owing, however, to complications in his private affairs he, in May, 1891, offered his resignation to the Board, which was accepted.

REV. J. A. B. SCHERER.

In August of 1891, Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, a graduate of Roanoke College and a licentiate of the Southwest Virginia Synod and at that time the successful pastor of the Church at Pulaski, Va., signified to the Board his willingness to go to the foreign field if called. After careful investigation had been made as to his character, ability, and qualifications for the work, Mr. Scherer was called by the Board. In November he was recommended by the Board to the South Carolina Synod for examination and ordination. He passed a most satisfactory examination, and by the direction of the Synod he was ordained in St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., on November 22nd, 1891. After a brief tour of some of the principal Churches in the United Synod, Mr. Scherer sailed for Japan on the 4th of February of this year, 1892. He arrived safely at his destination, and is at present located at Tokyo, Japan.

The Board made a regular contract with Mr. Scherer, by which they are bound to pay him an annual salary of $750, or $1,050 after his marriage, and to provide a house for him and the Mission after his arrival at the station at which the Mission is to be carried on. We found ourselves unable to grant the large sum which other Boards appropriate for outfit or to allow him to carry more than one ton of baggage at our expense. We fitted him with necessary clothing, and provided a good working library, as the property of our Mission. In addition we have bought the furniture for the hired house in which he lives at Tokyo, while studying the Japanese language and gathering the information we need in the final location of the Mission. This furniture remains our property. By the terms of the contract made with him, Mr. Scherer can resign only after three months' notice to the Board; he may contract no debts for the Board without written direction and authority; the Board may suspend him for cause, but is bound in case of discontinuance of the Mission to bring Mr. Scherer back to his home in North Carolina.

Mr. Scherer's letters since his arrival in Japan have been full of interest. He has been kindly welcomed by other missionaries in Yokohoma, Tokyo and Kioto, and in the company of some of them visited several cities. He is diligently studying the language.

The selection of a place for the Mission is beset with difficulties. Our successors must look to God, who (it seems to us) has committed us to this undertaking by so many remarkable interpositions, for further guidance; and can, we feel assured, depend on our Missionary's intelligence and fidelity.

A SECOND MISSIONARY—MR. R. B. PEERY.

During the early fall of 1891 Mr. R. B. Peery, another graduate of Roanoke College and at that time a student of theology in the Lutheran

Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, offered himself to the Board as a foreign missionary. Inquiries, addressed to the faculties of Roanoke College and of Gettysburg Seminary, brought the best of recommendations as to Mr. Peery's moral character and ability as a student. At this time the Virginia Synod was seeking a man to become its foreign missionary, to be supported by it while at the same time it proposed to pay its quota into the United Synod's treasury. Mr. Peery was therefore referred to the Mission Committee of that Synod, with the assurance that if the Virginia Synod recommended him, this Board would accept him as a Misssionary at the end of his theological course. The Virginia Synod's Mission Committee signified its willingness to support Mr. Peery as above specified. The formal call of the Board was thereupon given to Mr. Peery to become its Missionary. It is understood that he is called to be the Missionary of the Board of the United Synod, but that he is to be supported by the Virginia Synod; and his call is therefore conditioned by his passing an examination successfully and receiving ordination by the Virginia Synod at its meeting this summer; and his engagement with the Board will then begin.

THE PROPOSITION OF THE SALEM, VA., CHURCH.

A proposition was communicated from the Church in Salem, Va., stating that it was the desire of that Church in connection with Roanoke College, to contribute $1,000 per annum to support a Missionary in the foreign field, who should be under the direction of this Board, and at the same time they proposed to pay their full quota into the United Synod's treasury. This proposition was accepted by the Board, and its officers were authorized to call as a Missionary the nominee of the College Church at Salem, Va., in accordance with this proposition which they had made for his continued support. Repeated efforts on the part of the Salem Church failed to secure a suitable man, and at the time when the Board had elected Rev. Mr. Scherer and Mr. Peery as its Missionaries no nomination had been made to the Board. Inasmuch as the founding of a Mission, and the sending out of two Missionaries, would be very expensive, the Board through the pastor of the Salem Church requested the Salem congregation not to nominate another Missionary (immediately) and requested that it should pay all it can into the general treasury of the Board. This proposition was agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH REV. J. H. BROCKMAN.

A correspondence has been carried on with Rev. J. H. Brockman on behalf of the Mission Committee of the Synod of Wisconsin. That body has been training candidates for a Foreign Mission. They have fixed their eyes upon Japan, and have asked information concerning the doctrinal position of this body, the extent and progress of our Foreign Mis-

sion, and the necessary expenses in sending out and maintaining a Missionary. It may be that they will offer to co-operate with us, and if an arrangement convenient to both Synods can be made, it would increase the efficiency and diminish the expense of our Mission.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Our Treasurer's report to the Board shows a balance on hand November 14th, 1889, of $2,194.96. Receipts since then have been $3,409.38—a total of $5,604.34. There have been expended $4,224.45, leaving a balance in the treasury of $1,379.89.

RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend that the Board be instructed and authorized to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod $3,000 per annum for the work of Foreign Missions.

CONCLUSION.

THE ASSETS OF THE BOARD ARE

1 First Mortgage note on Richmond Church for $1,000.
1 Mortgage on the Augusta Church for $2,500.
I Mortgage on the Knoxville Church for $4,000.

The Board returns to the Synod the responsibility with which it has been entrusted, with grateful acknowledgment of the sympathy and assistance it has received from our Churches, and with thanksgiving to Almighty God for the work He has wrought. May His blessing rest in yet larger measures upon our successors in office, and upon our Missions and our Missionaries.

Herewith is submitted the report of the Treasurer of the Board.

EDWARD T. HORN, PRES.,
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN D. CAPPELMANN, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

1889.			
Nov.		Balance on hand as reported at Wilmington	$ 819 82
		From V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod	250 00
Nov.	15.	Dr. W. B. Yonce	25
Dec.	16.	Mrs. Keagey, for Mission News, paid Rev. Probst.	75
"	16.	Mrs. Meyerhoff, for Mission News, paid Rev. Probst.	50
"	21.	Knoxville Mission on Pastor's salary	23 20
"	31.	Rev. V. R. Stickley, Staunton, Va., for Christ Lutheran Ch. of Staunton per cks. J. A. Wise	11 00
1890.			
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Sophia Frost, Mission News	25
"		Mrs. M. E. Walton, Mission News	25
"		S. S. St. John's, Charleston	7 50
"		Mrs. H. Leiding, Charleston	3 00
		Above through Rev. E. T. Horn.	
Jan.	2.	Rev. J. W. Smith, Bruceton Mills, W. Va., for Augusta	5 00
"	3.	Mrs. E. T. Horn, Charleston	10 00
"	4.	Fannie O. Brown, Treas., W. H. & F. M. Soc. Synod of Va., to be used as Board may direct from W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Grace Lutheran Church	25 00
"	4.	W. H. & F. M. Soc., Ch. of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., per Bowman on Ga. Synod apportionment	25 00
"	6.	Mrs. G. W. Holland, Newberry, from W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. C. Synod	100 00
"	6.	Jennie A. Blackwell, Treas. Mt. Pleasant, N. C., being amount contributed by Children Home and Foreign Mis. Soc. of Holy Trinity Ch. during 1889	9 47
"	7.	St. Johannes S. S., per Rev. Heckel	6 50

Jan. 9.	From	W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. C. Synod, per Mrs. Holland	47 35
" 21.		St. Micheal's Ch., Selwood, Rev. J. E. Berly	13 00
" 23.		Rev. D. M. Moser, W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Peter's Ch., Shepherdstown, W. Va.	15 00
" 23.		Mr. C. A. Kagey, Weyer's Cave, Va., W. H. & F. M. Soc	12 98
		Sunday School	3 96
" 25.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., North Carolina	74 80
" 27.		Knoxville Church	21 40
		Hebron Ch., W. H. & F. M. Soc., Rev. B. S. Brown	5 00
		Rev. V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod	110 00
" 27.		Rev. J. N. Stirewalt:	
		Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge	2 50
		Rev. J. I. Miller's charge	12 00
		Rev. J. K. Efird's charge	27 54
Feb. 3.		A. F. D. Hollings, per Rev. Johannes Heckel	5 00
		Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, per Rev. Efird	80
" 11.		C. D. Franke, Charleston, S. C.	5 00
		C. D. Franke, Mission News	25
		Miss Julia Shirey, Staunton, Va	5 00
" 17.		J. H. Wyse, Pomaria	5 00
		Miss Eliza Nipson, Charleston	3 00
" 20.		L. K. Probst, Knoxville, Tenn.	42 40
" 25.		Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas., Newberry, S. C.	90 00
Mch. 3.		I. Conder, McGaheysville, Va.	5 00
		H. A. K., Winnsboro, Va., Mision News	25
" 7.		H. & F. M. Society of the Ev. Luth. Ch. of the Ascension, Ga. Synod's assessment	52 35
" 11.		St. John's S. S., Charleston	43 00
" 12.		Rev. C. A. Miller, Salem, Va.	5 00
		Dr. G. A. Setzler, Pomaria, S. C.	5 00
" 13.		Wentworth St. Luth. Ch., Charleston	80 70
" 17.		Mrs. E. M. Prause, St. John's, Charleston	1 00
" 19.		St. Johannes Ch., Charleston, S. C.	2 00
		H. L. Chisolm, Mission News	25
" 21.		Mrs. W. R. Brown, of Heilig Mill, Rowan Co., N. C., per Dr. Horn	5 00
" 22.		Rev. Dr. Bowman, Savannah, Ga.	5 00
		Mrs. W. S. Bowman, Savannah, Ga.	5 00
" 24.		Rev. A. J. Bowers, Helena, S. C., Mis. News	1 00
" 27.		E. W. Groseclose, Ceres, Va., Mis. News	25

Mar. 27.	From	Mrs. Nanny J. Stuart, Wytheville, Va.	5 00
		Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Walton, Charleston . . .	50
" 28.		Mrs. A. L. Foil, Mis. News, per Rev. Probst .	25
		Mrs. M. A. Barringer, Mis. News, per. Rev. Probst	25
		Mrs. A. M. Brown, Mis. News, per Rev. Probst .	25
		Knoxville Church, per same	15 12
Apr. 1.		Miss Louise Chisolm, Charleston	5 00
" 5.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Mathew's Luth. Ch. New Market, Va., per F. O. Brown, Treas. .	3 65
		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Grace Luth. Ch., Winchester, Va., per same, (as Board may direct,)	12 16
" 7.		Zion S. S., Lexington, S. C., per C. M. Efird .	9 70
		A. D. Wessell, Wilmington, N. C.	5 00
		Nimrod Bowman, Maurertown, Shenandoah Co., Va.	5 00
		Wentworth St. Luth. Ch., Charleston	2 50
" 9.		Miss. C. L. Bachman, Charleston	5 00
		Miss Julia Pelzer, Charleston	5 00
" 10.		Children's H. & F. M. Soc., St. Mark's S. S. of Charlotte, N. C., (Miss Lottie M. Linton, Treas.,) per Rev. T. S. Brown	16 00
		Rev. T. S. Brown, Charlotte, N. C., subscription Mission News as follows:	
		Capt. T. L. Seigle, Charlotte, N. C.	
		C. H. Duls, " "	
		Capt. W. A. Barrier, " "	
		H. A. Kluppilberg, " "	
		S. E. Linton, " "	
		W. M. Crowell, " "	
		Mrs. T. A. McKnight, " "	
		D. S. Holobough, " "	
		N. Duls, " "	
		H. G. Link, " "	
		Each of above at .25	2 50
" 18.		J. A. Summer, Newberry, S. C., through Eddy Bros., (for peanuts shipped by him,)	2 70
" 21.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Matthew's Ch., New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas. .	1 63
" 22.		Misses Wolfe, subs. to Mis. News to Mch., 1891, (Winchester, Va.,)	1 00
" 29.		Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge, Stony Man, Page Co., Va.	7 90
		Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, sub. Mis. News.	25
May 1.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C., per Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas.	77 80

May 1.	From Christiana Ch., Salisbury, N. C., for Augusta, Ga., to make Rev. J. Q. Wertz life member .	10 00
	Salem Ch., Salisbury, N. C., (Augusta,)	11 82
	St. John's Ch., " "	6 00
	Ebenezer Ch.	10 00
" 8.	J. A. Summer, Newberry, S. C., through Eddy Bros., (for peanuts shipped by him,)	7 70
" 15.	L. M. Hoffman, Dallas, N. C.	10 00
" 20.	W. J. Smith, Mountain Falls, Fred. Co., Va., for 60 subscriptions to Mis. News, per list sent to Rev. Probst	6 00
" 22.	N. C. Synod, through I. Frank Patterson, Treas., China Grove, N. C.	75 00
" 24.	A. Furrer, Savannah, Ga.	10 00
" 31.	Dr. A. J. Brown, through Rev. Probst	2 55
	New Haven Ch., " "	5 16
	Mrs. A. L. Foil, " "	25
	Mrs. M. A. Barringer, " "	25
	Mrs. A. M. Brown, " "	25
	Rocky Well S. S. Mis. Society, per Mrs. M. C. Rawl—Rev. Probst	2 45
	Jno. W. Myers, through Rev. Probst	25
	Sam'l Pence, " "	25
	Wm. Moore, " "	25
	Mrs. Sarah Fitzmyer, " "	25
	W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Hebron Ch., Madison Co., Va., through Rev. Probst	13 40
	Cash for Knoxville, through Rev. Probst, . . .	60
	Knoxville Church, " " . . .	52 65
June 11.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Ev. Luth. Ch. of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Ga. Synod's apportionment	16 00
" 14.	R. G. Chisolm, Charleston	5 00
	Rev. J. A. Cromer's Ch., St. Peter's, (Meetze's,) per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Stony Man, Va. . .	5 00
" 25.	Mrs. Nipson, Mission News	50
	Mrs. H. Leiding	3 10
" 28.	Public collection from Immanual Church, Dr. A. J. Brown's charge	19 00
	Abel Brown Akard	5 00
	Mrs. Abel Brown Akard	1 00
	Knoxville Church	19 39
	The above through Rev. Probst.	
July 5.	St. Matthew's Ch., W. H. Mis. Soc., New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas.	2 17

July 5.	From Grace Ch., Winchester, W. H. & F. M. Soc., per same	19	93
	The two above to be used as Board may direct.		
" 17.	St. John's S. S., Charleston	25	00
	Miss Bachman S. S. Class, St. John's	4	00
	Mrs. M. S. Klinck, Charleston, (News)		50
	Miss C. O. Martin, " "		25
	Div. Miners & M. Bk., (June 30)	2	87
" 25.	Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., (at discretion of Board)	60	00
" 26.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. N. C. Synod	48	44
	Same, Augusta	10	00
Aug. 1.	Mrs. B. W. Cronk, Brick Church, N. C	5	00
	B. W. Cronk, Mission News		25
" 2.	Knoxville Church, (Probst)	19	94
	Rev. D. A. Sox, "	1	00
	L. E. Williams, "		25
" 8.	Miss E. O. Lippard, 12 subs. Mission News as follows:		
	Rev. J. G. Graichen, Lexington, S. C.		
	J. E. Hendrix, "		
	W. J. Assman, "		
	G. M. Gross, "		
	O. J. Duffie, "		
	Mrs. W. P. Roof, "		
	Mrs. E. B. Roof, "		
	Mrs. M. D. Harman, "		
	Mrs. Sallie Snelgrove, "		
	Mrs. S. O. Kaminer, "		
	Miss Lizzie Souter, "		
	Miss E. O. Lippard, "		
	Each of above at .25	3	00
" 11.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod N. C.	3	68
" 19.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. &. F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod N. C.	36	32
" 21.	M. E. Campbell, Lexington Co., S. C., subs. Mission News:		
	E. J. Sox, Columbia, S. C.		
	F. K. Roof, Conover, N. C.		
	Mr. J. L. Roof, Columbia, S. C.		
	Miss L. C. Kaiser, "		
	S. E. Roof, "		

	W. M. Corly, Brookland, S. C.	
	Miss Ellen B. Sox, Reeder's Store, S. C.	
	Mrs. L. M. Sox, Columbia, S. C.	
	Mrs. H. E. Sox, "	
	Chas. Rowland, "	
	L. L. Roof, "	
	Miss Lula Monts, Lexington, S. C.	
	Mrs. Sarah Dooley, "	
	Mrs. A. L. Sox, Columbia, S. C.	
	Miss Inez O. Sox, "	
	J. W. Roof, "	
	Mrs. H. O. Kinsler, "	
	C. S. Sox, "	
	W. T. Roof, "	
	Each of above at .10	2 00
" 27.	H. S. Trout, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod	300 00
Sept. 6.	P. G. Chisolm, Charleston, Mission News . . .	5 00
" 15.	Miss Lizzie Hamme, Shepherdstown, W. Va., Mis. News, per Rev. D. M. Moser	50
	First Eng. Luth. S. S. Mis. Soc. Richmond, Va., per H. E. Grosh	2 00
" 30.	Rev. I. P. Hawkins, Bridgewater, Va.:	
	Miss Maggie Gwinisteal	1 50
	Lee Wright, Johnsons P. O., Va.	50
Oct. 9.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Ev. Luth. Church of the Ascension of Savannah, Ga., through Rev. Bowman	20 00
" 10.	Rev. B. S. Brown, W. H. & F. M. Soc. Hebron Church, through Rev. Probst	7 50
	Childrens Mis. Soc. Hebron Ch., through same	2 50
	25 subs. Mission News, through same	2 50
	Knoxville Church, through same	38 65
" 17.	Maggie Henkel, New Market, Va., Mis. News .	25
	L. E. C., Mission News	25
	Mrs. H. M. Tovey, Mission News	25
	Carrie Welsh, "	25
	Mrs. Laurd Barnit, "	50
" 18.	Miss Julia Shirey, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Mission News 4 copies	1 00
	M. & M. Bank Dividend of Sept. 30	6 30
	Rev. Asa Richards, per Rev. Probst, Mis. News	2 40
	J. H. Zittle, per Rev. Probst, Mis. News	25
	Mrs. E. C. Zeagler, Fort Motte, S. C., Mis. News	75
	M. Sheeleigh, Fort Washington, Pa., Mis. News	25

Oct. 18.	From	D. M. Martens, D. D., Augusta, Ga., Mis. News	50
		Rev. J. H. Wyse, Pomaria, S. C., Mis. News . .	5 00
		Womans Home & For. Mis. Soc. S. C. Synod. special to reduce debt at Augusta	117 45
		Womans Home & For. Mis. Soc. S. C. Synod .	332 55
		Mission Society South Carolina Synod	29 55
Nov. 6.		Childrens Mission Society S. C. Synod, per Probst, Sec.	128 56
		Rev. C. P. Boozer, from Rev. Probst, Sec., News	4 20
		Knoxville Church, through Rev. Probst, Sec. .	22 05
" 26.		Young People's Home & Foreign Mis. Soc. of Emmanuels Ev. Luth. Ch., Rev. J. A. Comer's charge, Lexington, S. C.	3 68
" 28.		H. A. K., Winnsboro, S. C.	50
Dec. 4.		Mrs. M. A. Harkey, Mission News,	
		Mrs. L. A. Petrea, "	
		Miss Sallie E. Barrier, "	
		Miss Katie Barrier, "	
		Mrs. Maggie Barrier, "	
		To Blackmer, N. C.	
		Mrs. M. J. Goodman, Mission News.	
		Mrs. C. A. Barringer, "	
		John Barringer, "	
		G. H. Walter, "	
		J. H. Davis, "	
		C. B. White, "	
		To Cleveland, N. C.	
		Rev. H. C. Haithcox, Mission News.	
		Polo, Ogle Co., Ill.	
		Mrs. L. J. Kistler, Mission News.	
		Mrs. E. C. Kistler, "	
		Mrs. Graham, "	
		Mrs. Laura Lyerly, "	
		Mrs. A. E. Goodmann, "	
		Miss Mattie E. Brown, "	
		Miss Mary Ida Barrier, "	
		Miss Mary Ida Barrier, (1 extra copy.)	
		To Bear Poplar, N. C.	
		Each of above at .10	2 00
		The above club through Miss M. I. Barrier, Bear Popular, N. C.	
" 9.		Mrs. J. C. Tiedemann, 2 years subscription . .	50
" 22.		Kate O. Wolfe, Winchester, Va., 13 subs. to Mission News as follows:	
		Mrs. L. G. M. Miller.	
		Mrs. Dr. W. S. Miller.	
		Mrs. Webster Eichelberger.	
		Mrs. S. M. Mullen.	
		Mrs. Wm. Graichen.	

		Mrs. James Williams. Mrs. Julius C. Davis. Mrs. G. Caspar Frus, P. O. Box 256. Miss Gettie Miller. Miss Della Hottle. Miss Bettie Green. Miss Fannie O. Brown. Henry Baetger. All of Winchester, Va.	
		Each at .10	1 30
"	23.	Mrs. H. Leiding, Charleston, S, C., per Dr. Horn	3 00
"	30.	Mrs. S. A. Wolff, Dallas, N. C.	5 00
"	30.	Childrens Mis. Band of Holy Trinity Ch., Mt. Pleasant, N. C., for year 1890—through Miss Jennie Blackwelder	18 21
		Geo. B. Clark, Jr., Treas., Savannah, Ga., collected from members Mis. Soc.	58 24
		Zion S. S., Lexington, S. C., through C. M. Efird	5 54
		Miss K. D. Borner—City	1 00
1891.			
Jan.	9.	Mary Knipple, Stovers Shops, Va.	25
		St. John's, Charleston	30 25
"	10.	J. A. Discher, per Rev. Probst	1 00
		H. A. Trexler, "	1 10
		Knoxville Church, "	46 75
"	13.	Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Bruceton Mills, W. Va., for Augusta	5 00
"	17.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Ch. of Ascension, Savannah, Ga.,—to be used as Board may direct—through Rev. Bowman	34 60
"	27.	Rev. J. K. Hancher, Mill Point, Tenn., "according to Dr. F. M. Setzler's proposition" . . .	5 00
		Mrs. J. K. Hancher—ditto	5 00
Feb.	2.	M. Sheeleigh, Fort Washington, Pa., Mis. News	25
		Mrs. E. T. Horn, Charleston, S. C.	10 00
"	6.	A. F. D. Hollings, Charleston	5 00
"	7.	Rev. M. L. Little, Gastonia, N. C.:	
		For Lutheran Chapel	3 90
		St. John's	1 45
		Antioch	1 15
		M. L. Little	5 00
"	9.	H. F. Shealy, Staunton, Va., his sub. to F. M. Setzler Home Mission fund	5 00
"	11.	Nimrod Bowman, Maurertown, Va.	5 00
		Israel N. Umbarger, Wytheville, Va., Mis. News	50
		J. H. E. Stelling, Charleston, News	50

Feb.	11.	From Mrs. Mary Siegling, 9 E. Battery, City, News .	50
"	13.	T. W. Shealy, Treas., Caughman's, S. C., being amount voted by Lexington Co. S. S. Con. Jan. 27, 1891	4 32
		Rev. V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod	150 00
"	17.	Rev. W. S. Bowman, Savannah, on F. M. Setzler's plan	5 00
		Mrs. W. S. Bowman—ditto	5 00
		Madison, per Rev. Probst statement	10 00
		C. A. Rose, Zeb, N. C., Mis. News (same) . . .	10 00
		A. D. Wessell, (same)	2 00
		Knoxville Church, (same)	19 05
"	24.	Mrs. Sophia Frost, Charleston, News	50
"	27.	C. D. Franke, Charleston	20 00
Mch.	2.	F. M. Setzler, Roseboro, Laurens Co., S. C. . .	5 00
"	3.	Mrs. H. A. Klinck, Winnsboro, S. C., News . .	50
		Mrs. E. A. Rabb, " " . .	50
		Mrs. Dorothy Blum, Charleston, " . .	50
		Mrs. G. D. Grice, " " . .	50
		Edmund Bull, " " . .	50
		Miss Ida Martin, Marlin, Texas, " . .	50
"	4.	Subscriptions to Mis. News, reported by Rev. S. T. Hallman, from Feb. 2 to 28, 1891, (see letter Dr. Horn this day)	51 25
"	6.	Organ Church, Rowan Co., N. C., for Mis. News in 1890, per W. R. Brown	1 80
"	11.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. Hebron Church, Va. . . .	18 00
		Knoxville Church	17 25
		2 above amounts per Rev. Probst statement.	
"	18.	J. H. Wyse, Pomaria, S. C., F. M. Setzler plan .	5 00
"	19.	Chas. C. Berry, Staunton, Va., contribution on F. M. Setzler plan	5 00
"	26.	Mrs. F. E. Keller, Haigler, S. C., F. M. Setzler plan	5 00
		Dividend M. & M. Bank, Dec. 31, 1890	2 23
"	30.	V. R. Strickley for Va. Synod	100 00
Apr.	1.	Geo. M. Honour, Treas. Wentworth St. Luth. Church, collected at Church	87 01
		Rev. S. T. Hallman, Mis. News subs., per his account March 2–30, 1891	50 52
		Total	$4615 16
		Total disbursements to date	4260 46
		Balance	$ 354 70

1891.			
Apr. 8.	From	C. M. Efird, contributed on Setzler plan . . . $	5 00
		Maj. H. A. Meetze, ditto	5 00
" 9.		Knoxville Church, through Rev. Probst, per his statement	21 50
" 10.		Amt. transferred to Knoxville acct. for principal and interest on Ch. debt charged Apr. 1st, 1891, in this acct.—(per instructions from Dr. Horn, Pres.,) exchange on check added . .	590 70
" 18.		W. H. & F. M. Soc. of the Ch. of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., through Rev. W. S. Bowman	10 00
		Virginia Synod, per Rev. V. R. Stickley . . .	75 00
" 20.		St. John's S. S., Charleston, S. C., through Rev. Horn	50 00
		Miss Julia Pelzer, Charleston, S. C., for Mis. News, through Dr. Horn	50
May 4.		Knoxville Church, through Rev. L. K. Probst.	27 35
" 23.		Knoxville Church, per Rev. Probst	16 50
		Mrs. M. A. F., Mill Hill, N. C., through Rev. Probst, for Mission News	1 00
		Same for Home Mission	1 00
June 2.		Prof. S. A. Wolff, Dallas, N. C., contribution on F. M. Setzler plan	5 00
		Mr. M. L. Hoffman, ditto	5 00
" 6.		Miss M. E. Campbell, Columbia, S. C., as from Young Peoples Home and Foreign Mis. Soc. of Emanuel Ev. Luth. Ch.	4 00
" 10.		St. Mark's Chr., Luray, Page Co., Va., Rev. J. I. Miller's charge, through J. N. Stirewalt, Treas.	4 95
" 13.		Holston Synod	75 00
" 19.		Knoxville Church, through Rev. L. K. Probst	26 85
July 11.		Virginia Synod, per Rev. V. R. Stickley . . .	100 00
		Int. M. & M. Bank July 1st	3 69
		Treasurer Home & Foreign Missionary Society Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga. . .	13 00
" 21.		Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., Newberry, S. C.	100 00
" 29.		Knoxville Church, per Rev. Probst statement	24 50
Aug. 1.		Rev. V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod	27 51
" 3.		J. H. Steinmeyer, Charleston, sub to Mis. News	1 00
		J. H. Steinmeyer, Charleston	1 50
" 11.		John J. Muller, Treas.—special collection from Sandy Run Ev. Luth. Church	5 00

Sep. 1.	From Rev. J. D. Bowles, Prosperity, S. C., from Pine Grove Church—Orangeburg, S. C.	1 25
	John Beutell, Winchester, Va., per Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., (Richmond Mission) . . .	5 00
	S. W. Va. Synod, per H. S. Trout, Treas. Roanoke, Va.	100 00
	V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod	300 00
	V. R. Stickley, Treas. Va. Synod	200 00
" 7.	W. H. & F. M. Soc., Hebron Ch., Madison, Va., per Rev. Probst	16 65
" 9.	Knoxville Church, per same	10 75
" 11.	Holston Synod, through T. S. Brown, Treas. United Synod	75 00
" 24.	Knoxville Church, through Rev. Probst . . .	24 40
	Int. M. & M. Bank, April 1st, 1891	3 80
Oct. 1.	Int. M. & M. Bank, this day	12 04
" 13.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Ch. of Ascension, Savannah, Ga., through Mrs. L. A. Goebel	10 00
" 17.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C.	48 94
	Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., on appropriation of $500 for current year	200 00
" 19.	R. B. Grice, Sec. & Treas. Barnabas Sunday School, Charleston, S. C.	10 00
	Amount from Wm. Jennings, Treas. Ga. Synod —Received Feb. 13, 1890, not previously acknowledged by oversight	100 00
	Total	$ 2703 08
	Total disbursements to date	1007 86
	Balance	$ 1695 22
Oct. 27.	T. O. Keister, Treas. Children's Mis. Soc. S.C. Synod, Prosperity, S. C.	99 78
	Miss. M. E. Campbell, as from Young Peoples H. & F. Mis. Soc. of Emmanuel's Ev. Luth. Ch., Lexington Co., Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge	4 20
	W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. C. Synod, per Mrs. G. W. Holland	95 47
	Per Rev. L. E. Busby from Luther Chapel	20 00

Oct. 27.	Good Hope	8 75
	Mt. Calvary	7 15
	Per J. D. Bowles:	
	Pine Grove	20 45
	Trinity	6 40
	Mt. Tabor	9 00
	Miss K. Summer, per Rev. J. H. Wyse	1 00
	Knoxville Church, per Rev. Probst	15 00
Nov. 2.	St. John's S. S., Charleston, S. C.	30 00
" 27.	Morristown Ch., through Rev. J. D. Murphy	5 00
	Morristown W. H. & F. M. Soc., ditto	10 00
	Knoxville Ch., through Rev. Probst	20 65
Dec. 16.	Rev. S. Henkel's charge, Mt. Zion congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va.	1 39
" 30.	Rev. J. L. Murphy as follows:	
	Johnson City	1 50
	Greenville	50
	Morristown	4 00
	Knoxville Church, through Rev. Probst	16 93
1892.		
Jan. 16.	Johnson City, per Rev. J. L. Murphy	1 00
	St. John's S. S., Charleston	25 00
	Mission News	75
	Children's Mis. Soc. of Holy Trinity Ch., per Mrs. J. A. Linn, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	19 00
	W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Ev. Luth. Ch., through Mrs. S. A. Goebel, Treas., Savannah, Ga.	10 00
" 18.	Rev. C. Armand Miller, Salem, Va., F. M. Setzler plan (for 1891)	5 00
" 27.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth Synod N. C.	66 60
	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod N. C., paid Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	11 15
" 29.	Knoxville Church, per Rev. Probst	27 35
	Richmond Church, per Rev. J. C. Seegers	35 00
	Winston Church, per Rev. W. A. Lutz	25 00
Feb. 3.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. C. Synod, Newberry, S. C., per Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas.	43 50
" 11.	St. Matthew's W. H. & F. M. Soc. New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown	1 79
	Grace Luth Ch. W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Winchester, Va., per same	13 50

Feb. 17.	From Mission News, through Rev. Horn	50
	Miss Louisa Chisolm, per same	5 00
	Edward T. Horn, D. D., Charleston	5 00
" 22.	Mrs. Mary Siegling, per Dr. Horn	5 00
" 25.	Morristown, per Rev. J. L. Murphy	2 00
	"A Friend," per same	1 00
	Rev. J. L. Murphy, Bristol, Tenn.	1 00
	Trinity Church, per Rev. H. M. Petrea . . .	8 00
	Knoxville Church, per Rev. Probst	20 70
	Lutheran Visitor, (Setzler plan,) per Rev. Probst	5 00
" 26.	L. M. Hoffman, Dallas, N. C.	5 00
	Mrs. F. E. Burn, Beaufort, S. C.	1 00
Mch. 3.	Miss Katie Ficken, Charleston, S. C.	5 00
" 4.	Children's H. & F. M. Soc. of Savannah, Ga., per Geo. Blelorke, Jr., Treas.	30 00
	Nimrod Bowman, Maurertown, Va	4 00
	C. D. Franke, Charleston, S. C.	10 00
	C. D. Franke, Charleston, Mission News . .	50
" 14.	Winston Church, per Rev. W. A. Lutz	25 00
" 16.	Janie B. Bowers, Springfield, Ga., for the W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Bethel Luth. Ch., to be used at discretion of committee	23 00
	Rev. J. C. Seegers, Jr., from his congregation	15 00
" 23.	Knoxville Church, per Rev. Probst.	32 50
	Richmond Ch. per Rev. H. M. Petrea.	15 50
	Morristown Church, per Rev. J. L. Murphy .	5 00
" 24.	Lutheran S. S., near Port Royal, S. C., per Miss Irene Beerd, through Rev. Horn . . .	2 00
" 30.	Richmond Church, through Rev. Seegers . .	25 00
April 6.	St. John's Sunday School, Charleston	25 00
" 7.	Children's Missionary Band of St. James Ch., Chillivonic, Va., through M. Retta Gill, Treas.	1 00
" 14.	Miss Louisa Chisolm, Charleston, S. C. . . .	5 00
" 16.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. Morristown, through J, L. Murphy	3 00
" 16.	Morristown Mission, per same	4 00
	St. Andrew's H. &. F. M. Soc., Pleasant, S. C., through John Q. Eargle, Sec	1 13
" 19.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. C. Synod, through Mrs. G. W. Holland, Newberry	50 00
" 20.	Orangeburg Church, through Rev. S. L. Keller, Easter offering	11 00

Feb. 20.	From Madison Pastorate, Madison C.H., Va., through Rev. J. A. Flickinger, Easter offering . . .	20 00
	Knoxville Church, through Rev. Probst . . .	18 75
	Trinity Church, through Rev. H. M. Petrea .	12 00
" 23.	St. Mathew's W. Mis. Soc. New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas., for Knoxville, (last installment)	4 68
	W. H. & F. M. Soc. Grace Luth. Ch. Winchester, through Fannie O. Brown, Treas., for Knoxville, (last installment)	17 95
	Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. C. Synod	25 00
" 26.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. N. C. Synod	58 30
" 27.	H. A. Klinck, Winnsboro, S. C.	50
" 28.	St. James Lutheran Mission of Vinton, Va., through T. S. Brown, Pastor	2 60
	Mrs. L. A. Goebel, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. of the Ev. Luth. Ch. of the Ascension Savannah, Ga.	10 00
	Richmond Church, through J. C. Seegers . .	535 00
May 6.	St. Matthew's, Lexington, Easter Mission collection	1 45
" 21.	Otto Tiedemann, Charleston	5 00
" 23.	L. A. Sease, Ella, S. C., amount collected on Easter for Home Missions, Mt. Pleasant Ev. Luth. Ch., Lexington Co.	2 55
	"The Missions," per Rev. J. L. Murphy . . .	20 00
	Knoxville Church, through Rev. Probst . . .	17 25
	Second Church, through Rev. H. M. Petrea .	20 00
	C. M. Efird, on Setzler plan, see check No. 86	5 00
	Maj. Meetze, see check No. 86, same	5 00
June 6.	Richmond Church, through Rev. J. C. Seegers	35 00
	Virginia Synod, through Rev. D. M. Moser, Acting Treasurer	218 26
	Staunton Society, Easter offering, through same	3 17
	St. Peter's S. S., Shepherdstown, W. Va., for Winston Mission	50 00
" 7.	W. A. Moseley, Treas. Grace Church, Prosperity, S. C.	3 75
" 7.	Wm. Johnson, Treas. Luther Chapel, Newberry, S. C.	6 30
	E. F. Frick, amount collected at Trinity Ch., Rev. J. D. Bowles' charge	3 70

June 7.	From Friedens Congregation, through Rev. J. L. Buck	3 00
	Trinity, (Bridgewater,) through same	2 00
	St. John's Lutheran Church, Walhalla	3 75
" 8.	Mt. Jackson Pastorate, through Rev. Ed. L. Folk	9 19
" 9.	Central Pastorate of Wythe Co., Va., Rev. J. C. Repass, Pastor, special collection on Whit Sunday	5 00
" 11.	Colony Ev. Luth. Ch. of Newberry, S. C., Rev. G. W. Holland, D. D., Pastor	3 60
	Ebenezer Luth. Church, Columbia, S. C.	9 50
	Dividend M. & M. Bank, declared Jan 1st, '91	7 85
	Ditto, April 1st, 1892	1 60
" 15.	St. Peter's (P. Woods) Ev. Luth. Church of Lexington Co., through Rev. J. G. Schaid, Pastor	2 75
" 20.	Wentworth St. Luth. Church, Charleston	40 00
	Knoxville Church	19 35
	Morristown Mission	9 00
	Total	$ 3380 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

1889.		
Dec. 16.	Paid Rev. L. K. Probst to Nov. 15, 1889	100 00
	His expenses to Richmond and Wilmington	33 90
	Rev. S. T. Hallman	25 00
" 21.	Rev. L. K. Probst to 15th inst	100 00
1890.		
Jan. 2.	Paid Half expenses E. A. Wingard to Charleston	2 60
	Half expenses H. A. Meetze to Charleston	2 60
	Half expenses H. S. Wingard to Charleston	3 00
	Half expenses L. K. Probst to Charleston	9 00
	Half Lucas & Richardson bill printing Mission News	40 86
" 6.	For Postals for receipts	1 25
" 27.	L. K. Probst Salary to 15th January	100 00
Feb. 19.	Augusta Mission, amount from Rev. J. W. Smith, Bruceton Mills	5 00
" 20.	L. K. Probst Salary to February 15	100 00
	" Stamps	25 25
	" Envelopes	3 60
	" Picture of Map	1 50

Mch. 28.	Paid L. K. Probst Picture of Church	1 25
	" Salary to March 15	100 00
	" Mission wrappers and assistance in addressing the same	2 50
	" Cut Church building	6 00
	" Map	10 00
	Rev. S. T. Hallman	25 00
	J. H. Stelling's bill, half to Foreign Missions	1 50
	L. K. Probst visiting Richmond	35 00
	Amount to Knoxville, credited by error to Home Missions, from Buehlers Church	13 35
	Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., personal same	6 25
	Rev. A. Kostner, error as above	5 00
" 29.	Bill Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co. ,half to Foreign Missions	23 45
	Rev. L. K. Probst for balance of 1st payment on Knoxville Church	1011 50
June 14.	Expenses Dr. Horn to Salem and Knoxville, $40.00 less $25.00 paid by Knoxville	15 00
May 31.	Rev. L. K. Probst in full his salary to May 15th, 1890—as per his statement—being 2 months...	200 00
	Same, Stamps	1 50
	Same, Letter Press	1 50
June 28.	Rev. L. K. Probst his salary to June 15th	100 00
	Bill J. W. Anderson, professional services in sale Eng. Luth. Church	26 50
	Discount on check	20
	Exchange on check on N. Y., Rev. Probst, J. W. Anderson	15
July 9.	Half Walker, Evans & Cogswell printing Mission News	24 70
" 17.	Half expenses of Board meeting	10 80
" 24.	Rev. S.T. Hallman, amounts received for Augusta as follows:	
	From Salem Church, Salisbury, (May 1)	11 82
	St. John's, " "	6 00
	Ebenezer, " "	10 00
	Christiana Church, Salisbury, to make Rev. J. Q. Wertz life member	10 00
	Exchange on check on N. Y. above	10
" 26.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, amount received from Mrs. Heilig for Augusta	10 00
	Exchange on N. Y. check	10
	Exchange on check Mrs. Heilig	15

Aug. 6.	Paid Salary to Rev. Probst to July 15, 1890	100 00
	Half expenses same attending Board meeting July 17	12 50
	Half expenses same for assistance addressing Mission News	2 00
	The above per his statement July 30, 1890.	
	Exchange on check to Rev. Probst	15
" 11.	Exchange on Mrs. Heilig's check	50
" 19.	Exchange on check Mrs. Heilig	13
	Rev. S. T. Hallman to Sept.—on June 7th (personal check)	25 00
" 27.	Exchange on check H. S. Trout, Treas	37
Sep. 2.	Rev. S. T. Hallman	25 00
Oct. 2.	Half Walker, Evans & Cogswell	23 46
" 10.	Rev. L. K. Probst his salary to Aug. 15th	100 00
	Same to Sept. 15th	100 00
	Rev. L. K. Probst half his expenses attending N. C. Womans Convention, S. W. Va. Synod, Virginia and Holston Synods	17 00
	Half expenses Rev. Probst wrapping and addressing Mission News	1 78
" 21.	Half expenses Meetze, Efird and Wingard meeting at Newberry	4 45
Nov. 6.	Exchange on checks	83
	Rev. Probst salary to Oct. 15th	100 00
	Rev. Probst expenses to Chattanooga	10 00
	" " Knoxville to Newberry	5 00
	" " Newberry to Atlanta	8 00
	" " Atlanta to Knoxville	7 00
	" " Meals and lodging	7 00
	Bill Tribune Job Office printing	19 15
	Rev. S. T. Hallman, Augusta, Ga., to be applied to the reduction of the principal of the debt of Holy Trinity Church at Augusta	120 00
" 20.	Rev. Holland, expenses of his visit to Richmond, Va., on business of Board per order Dr. Horn	39 00
Dec. 8.	Rev. S. T. Hallman to 1st	25 00
" 15.	J. Thompson Brown & Co., Richmond, bill for adv. per order Dr. Horn	49 00
	Cash Rev. J. S. Moser, 610 N. 8th St., Richmond Va., per order Dr. Horn on account	50 00
	Exchange on above checks	15
" 30.	Half bill of Walker, Evans & Cogswell printing Mission News	22 92

Dec. 30.	Paid Half bill Funk & Wagnals for Missionary Review	1 00
	Half exchange on checks on N. Y	05
1891.		
Jan. 10.	Paid Interest on Bond at Knoxville	15 92
" 17.	Exchange on checks deposited	15
Feb. 3.	Rev. J. S. Moser on account	50 00
	Exchange on same	10
	J. J. Umlauf, Richmond, Va., interest on debt	60 00
	Exchange on same	10
" 10.	Exchange on check H. F. Shealy, (Staunton, Va.)	10
" 14.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half bill printing Mission News	53 75
	Rev. S. T. Hallman (self)	15 00
	Exchange on above check	15
" 18.	Half exchange check V. R. Stickley	25
" 24.	Half L. K. Probst salary to Jan. 15th, 1891, (see his statement)	50 00
	Half exchange on N. Y. check to him	05
Mch. 4.	Printing Mission News	25 62
	Same postage, &c.	8 13
	Rev. S. T. Hallman half editorial salary	7 50
	Same quarterly salary as Missionary at Augusta	25 00
	For above charges letter Dr. Horn.	
	Rev. J. S. Moser in full	150 00
" 5.	Exchange on check to him	25
	Exchange on check to Rev. Hallman	10
" 11.	Half Rev. Probst salary to Feb. 15th	50 00
	Half exchange on check same	05
" 23.	Discount check C. C. Berry (19th)	10
" 31.	Discount check V. R. Stickley	25
April 1.	Forwarded Rev. L. K. Probst to be paid on debt Knoxville Church on principal	500 00
	Ditto interest	90 00
	Exchange on this check	70
	Amount to S. T. Hallman per his statement of March 30, 1891	50 52
	Rev. S. T. Hallman his salary and balance expense on account Mission News, half	7 90
	Total disbursements to date	$ 4260 46
1891.		
April 8.	Paid half expenses C. M. Efird and H. A. Meetze to meeting of Board at Charleston	11 50

April 8.	Paid Half expenses H. S Wingard, ditto	5	10
" 9.	Half expenses Rev. Probst, ditto	6	60
	Rev. Probst half his salary to March 15, 1891	50	00
" 20.	Dis. check V. R. Stickley		25
" 28.	Cash paid Rev. L. K. Probst his expenses to Richmond and beyond per his statement	34	61
May 4.	Rev. Probst half his salary to April 15th per statement	50	00
" 7.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half printing bill Richards & Shaver	7	57
	Same half editorial salary	7	50
" 23.	Rev. L. K. Probst half salary to May 15th per statement	50	00
	His expenses to North Carolina Synod	18	90
" 29.	Rev. S. T. Hallman installment of salary of Missionary due June 1st	25	00
June 13.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half printing bill	5	00
	Same half salary May 1891	7	50
" 19.	Rev. L. K. Probst half salary to June 15th	50	00
	Rev. L. K. Probst half expenses to Holston Synod	2	63
" 20.	Cash paid R. E. Livingston, 716 E. Franklin St., Richmond, Va., salary	30	00
	Cash paid Rev. J. L. Murphy, Bristol, Tenn., salary	50	00
	Exchange check Holston Synod deposited		25
July 9.	R. E. Livingston, 716 E. Franklin St., Richmond, Va., salary as supply of First Lutheran Church there	30	00
" 11.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half salary	7	50
	Same half printing bill	11	80
	Exchange on check V. R. Stickley		25
" 29.	Rev. L. K. Probst to July 15th, 1891, per statement half to Foreign	50	00
	Rev. J. L. Murphy, Bristol, Tenn., in full to July 7th, 1891	15	00
Aug. 1.	Rev. J. C. Seegers	50	00
	Exchange on check V. R. Stickley		25
" 3.	Rev. J. L. Murphy, Bristol, Tenn., on account salary	65	00
	Rev. L. K. Probst to pay his traveling expenses	50	00
" 7.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half salary	7	50
	Same half printing bill	4	10
	Same half expenses stamps, &c		22
Sept. 1.	Exchange on check V. R. Stickley, $200		50

Sept. 1.	Paid Exchange on check V. R. Stickley, $300.....	75
	Half exchange on check H. S. Trout, Treas.....	25
" 7.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half salary as Managing Editor.	7 50
	Salary same half quarter as Missionary pastor.....	25 00
	Same half printing bill.....	14 80
	Rev. Probst half salary to August 15, 1891.....	50 00
	Same balance traveling expenses.....	2 23
	Rev. J. C. Seegers in full 1 month salary.....	15 00
" 24.	Rev. L. K. Probst half salary to Sept. 15th per statement.....	50 00
	Rev. J. L. Murphy, Missionary at Bristol, Tenn., to Sept. 7th, 1891	65 00
Oct. 1.	Rev. J. C. Seegers, Jr., 716 E. Franklin St., Richmond, Va	45 00
" 7.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half salary.....	7 50
	Same half printing bill.....	13 80
" 12.	Rev. E. T. Horn half his expenses visiting W. H. and F. M. Soc. and telegram.....	6 37
" 17.	Half expenses on check Mrs. Heilig.....	13
" 22.	Rev. J. L. Murphy, Bristol, Tenn., salary to Oct. 7th, 1891—see check No. 38.....	50 00
	Rev. L. K. Probst half expenses Winston, N. C., Augusta, &c.....	13 94
	J. D. Cappelmann half expenses to Augusta meeting.....	4 98
	C. M. Efird half same.....	2 90
	H. A. Meetze half same.....	1 25
" 27.	Augusta Mission as directed by Rev. L. E. Busby	20 00
	Rev. Probst half salary to Oct. 15th, check 41...	50 00
Nov. 11.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half salary.....	7 50
	Same half printing bill.....	17 55
	Rev. J. C. Seegers, Richmond, Va., in full salary to Oct. 25th, 1891.....	45 00
,, 17.	Amount to credit Knoxville account to balance same per instruction from Dr. Horn.....	324 50
" 27.	Rev. J. L. Murphy salary to Nov. 7, 1891.....	65 00
	Rev. Probst expenses Augusta to Walhalla.....	5 50
	Same expenses Walhalla to Salisbury and China Grove and return.....	12 60
	Same expenses to Knoxville.....	11 50
	Same half salary to 15th.....	50 00
Dec. 8.	Rev. J. C. Seegers, Jr., his salary to Nov. 23, '91	40 00
" 14.	Rev. S. T. Hallman his salary as Missionary pastor, 1 quarter.....	25 00

Dec. 14.	Paid Him half salary as Editor	7 50
	Him half balance printing bill	18 80
" 30.	Rev. J. L. Murphy his salary to Dec. 7th, 1891	65 00
	Rev. L. K. Probst half to Dec. 15th	50 00
	Half Tribune Job Office, Knoxville, Tenn., printing bill	9 13
	Jno. C. Seegers, Jr., Richmond, Va., his salary to Dec. 23, 1891	40 00
Jan. 16.	Rev. J. L. Murphy to 1st	65 00
	Rev. H. M. Petrea, 509 N. 25th St., Richmond, Va., 1 month's salary as Missionary at Trinity Mission	50 00
" 18.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half salary	7 50
	Half printers' bill	22 15
" 27.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, amount from Mrs. Heilig—see his receipt	11 15
" 29.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to 15th	50 00
	Same half stamps and envelopes	4 40
	Same half seal	2 00
	Rev. J. C. Seegers to Jan. 25, 1892	65 00
	Rev. W. A. Lutz to Feb. 1, 1892	83 33
" 30.	Exchange on check C. A. Miller	10
Feb. 8.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half salary	7 50
	Same half printers' bill	22 63
" 13.	Jno. Romer, Richmond, Va., "Interest at Richmond"	60 00
" 25.	Rev. J. L. Murphy, Bristol, Tenn., to Feb. 7th	65 00
	Rev. H. M. Petrea, Missionary at Trinity Church, Richmond, Va., to 13th	50 00
	Rev. Probst, half salary to 15th	50 00
Mch. 14.	Rev. W. A. Lutz, salary to March 1st, 1892	83 33
	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7 50
	Same half printers' bill	17 30
	Same salary as Missionary pastor to Mch. 1st., '92	25 00
	Rev. J. C. Seegers, Jr., his salary to Feb. 25th	65 00
" 23.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to 15th	50 00
	" half for stamps and envelopes	7 50
	" half expenses to Bristol	2 00
	Rev. H. M. Petrea, Missionary salary for month ending March 15th, 1892	50 00
	Rev. J. L. Murphy, Missionary salary, to March 7th, 1892	65 00
" 24.	Exchange on check on Virginia March 15th	10
" 30.	Rev. J. C. Seegers, Jr., 1 month's salary per statement	65 00

April 6.	Paid Rev. W. A. Lutz, his salary to April, 1892	58 33
" 16.	Rev. J. L. Murphy to April 7	65 00
" 18.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half printers' bill	15 12
	Same half salary as Editor	7 50
	Same half expenses	2 50
" 20.	Rev. L. K. Probst to April 15th, per statement (half Foreign)	50 00
	Rev. H. M. Petrea to 15th	50 00
" 28.	Rev. J. C. Seegers to April 25, 1892	65 00
" 30.	Exchange (23rd and 30th)	30
May 6.	Half expenses C. M. Efird attending Board meeting at Charleston	6 82
	Maj. Meetze half same	6 50
	Rev. H. S. Wingard half same	6 62
	Rev. E. A. Wingard half same	7 37
" 7.	Rev. L. K. Probst half expenses to N. C. Synod and Board meeting	16 66
" 23	Rev. J. L. Murphy to 7th	65 00
	Rev. L. K. Probst half salary to 15th	50 00
	Half for postals	75
	Rev. Henry M. Petrea to May 15th	50 00
" 25.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half printers' bill	18 50
	Rev. S. T. Hallman half salary	7 50
June 6.	Rev. L. K. Probst half printer's bill	7 68
	W. A. Lutz salary for April and May	116 66
	J. C. Seegers, his salary for month April 25 to May 25	65 00
" 8.	Half exchange on check D. M. Moser	50
" 11.	Rev. S. S. Rahn for his expenses visit to Norfolk, Va	7 30
" 17.	Rev. S. T. Hallman half printers' bill	15 88
	" half post office	1 00
	" half Editor salary	7 50
	" quarterly salary	25 00
" 18	Extra Clerical work	10 00
" 18.	Rev. L. K. Probst half salary	50 00
	" half expenses to Atlanta, Ga	3 75
	Rev. J L. Murphy to 7th inst	65 00
		$ 2915 88

KNOXVILLE MISSION.

		Balance on hand as reported at Wilmington, November, 1889	$ 510 93
1889.			
Nov.	15.	From Dr. W. B. Yonce	1 00
Dec.	16.	Young Peoples Mis. Band of Folk's Store, Colleton Co., per Miss J. Shirey, Staunton, Va.	7 15
		English Church, Knoxville, paid Rev. Probst on account salary	17 40
		Collected by Rev. Probst at Wilmington	19 65
1890.			
Jan.	2.	From John C. Tiedeman, Charleston	25 00
		Otto Tiedeman, Sr, Charleston	25 00
"	25.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. N. C. Synod, per Mrs. Heilig:	
		From Ebenezer Church	4 00
		St. John's, Cabarrus Co	20 00
		Mt. Pleasant Fem. Sem	3 00
		Organ Church	12 10
"	27.	Rev. L. K. Probst, from Madison Co., Va., S. S, per Rev. B. S. Brown	10 00
Feb.	1.	Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., special	10 00
"	10.	D. B. Strouse, Salem, Va	15 00
"	11.	C. D. Franke, Charleston, S. C	10 00
"	12.	Geo. W. Crouse	1 00
		G. B. Hancher, Kutztown, Pa	5 00
"	13.	C. D. Franke, transferred from F. M	5 00
		C. D. Franke, additional	20 00
"	15.	J. Abe. Miller, Winchester, Va	5 00
"	19.	Mrs. Alice Jamieson, Roanoke	5 00
"	20.	A. G. Henkel, Waynesboro, Va	1 00
		Chas. L. Swartz, Rinkerton, Va	1 00
"	24.	Mrs. Mason, Charleston, per Dr. Horn	2 00
		M. C. Sigmon, Glen Alpine, N. C	1 00
"	25.	D. C. Huffard, Wytheville, Va	2 00
		C. T. Huffard. Wytheville, Va	1 00
"	26.	F. W. Hamer, Staunton, Va	7 00
		W. M. Bucher, Harrisonburg, Va	5 00
Mch.	3.	H. A. K., Winnsboro, S. C	50
"	5.	E. J. Sigmon, Lenoir, N. C	1 00
"	6.	J. A. Summer, Pomaria, S. C., through Eddy Bros	3 65
"	8.	Mrs. J. W. Strickler, Chilhowie, Smyth Co., Va.	5 00

Sept. 1.	From C. W. Vose, Tidings, Ga., (Probst)	1 00
	Dr. J. A. Murphy, "	5 00
	Prof. L. H. Copenhaver, "	5 00
	John M. Bayler, Arbor Hill, Va	1 00
" 12.	Mrs. Rholfin and Mrs. Blase, Charleston	5 00
	Mrs. Dr. Eichelberger, Staunton, Va	1 00
" 19.	Dr. O. B. Mayer, Jr., Newberry, S. C	10 00
	Mrs. E. T. Horn, Charleston	5 00
" 20.	Jno. A. Summer, Pomaria, S. C., contribution children of Rev. J. K. Efird's St. John's S. S.	20 00
" 21.	Rev. W. P. Cline, Ilex, N. C	6 00
" 24.	H. S. Wingard's charge, Springfield, Ga	20 00
	P. Dingledine, Mt. Sidney, Va	10 00
	I. Frank Patterson, China Grove, N. C	10 00
	Trinity Church Sunday School, Stephens City, Va., through Rev. L. L. Smith, Pastor	10 00
" 25.	Wm. Hartz, Charleston	10 00
	Henry Siegling	10 00
" 26.	Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Knipple, Stover's Shops, Va	2 00
	St. Paul's S. S., Strasburg, Va., (Rev. L. L. Smith, Pastor)	10 00
" 27.	E. N. Groseclose, Ceres, Va	25
	A gift from a member of St. Mark's Mis. Soc., Roanoke, Va	50 00
" 28.	Orangeburg Church S. S., per Rev. J. Q. Wertz	2 00
	A. Shutters, Mt. Crawford, Va	1 00
	Woman's Mis. Soc. Buehler's Ch ,charge of Rev. A. J. Brown	13 35
	Above being credited by error to Home Mission account p. 176.	
	Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., personal—error as above	6 25
	Rev. A. Kostner—error as above	5 00
" 20.	Rev. W. J. Smith, Mountain Falls, Va	10 00
	Mrs. W. J. Smith, " "	10 00
	Rev. W. G. Wolford, Eve Mills, Tenn	1 00
	Mrs. S. P. Wolford, " "	1 00
	Mrs. Julia Ann Moser, " "	50
	Mr. Enseltions Summitt, " "	50
" 31.	Mrs. G. W. Holland, Newberry, S. C.. from St. Stephen's Church, Lexington	5 00
April 1.	H. S. Wingard's charge, Springfield, Ga	5 00
	Miss Louise Chisolm, Charleston	3 00

April 1.	From	Mt. Pleasant Church, Barnwell Co., per Rev. J. H. Wilson, W. H. & F. M. Soc. S. C. Synod	10 00
" 2.		Emanuel Luth. S S , Woodstock, Va., M. Coffman	15 00
" 3.		Pine Grove Church, Elloree, S. C., through J. D. Bowles	2 70
		Trinity Church, Elloree, S. C., through J. D. Bowles	3 50
		Mrs. F. P. Covar, Browntown, Va., per Rev. L. L. Smith	3 00
		Mrs. E. V. Hoshour, Front Royal, Va., per Rev. L. L. Smith	1 00
		Mrs. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va	1 00
		A friend of Mission, Culpeper, Va	5 00
		St. Mark's Ev. Luth. Church, through Rev M. L. Little, Dallas, N. C	4 00
		Lutheran Chapel, through Rev. M. L. Little	2 05
		St. John's, through Rev. M. L Little	2 80
		Antioch, " "	62
		Prof. S. A. Wolff, "	5 00
		Rev. M. L. Little, Dallas, N. C	5 00
" 5.		Mrs. P. Robertson, Newberry, S. C	5 00
" 7.		Rev. D. Kyzer and wife, Lexington, S. C	1 50
" 12.		Sunday School Grace Luth. Ch., Winchester, Va., per Mr. J. E. Cooper, Easter offering	37 73
" 17.		Eastsr offerings, per Rev. J. S. Elmore, Pastor, Bronwood, Ga., Miss Amos Schumpert, Americus, Ga	75
		Magnolia Church, Sumpter Co , Ga	3 34
		Mt. Zion Church, Macon Co., Ga	1 90
		St. John's Church, Macon Co., Ga	2 51
		St. Mark's Sunday School, Sumpter Co., Ga	1 45
		St. Mark's Church, Sumpter Co., Ga., as follows:	
		Miss Emma Wise	50
		Miss Lanna Wise	50
		Mrs. Dr. Wise	50
		Phil Jennings	50
		Dr. S. Derrick and wife	1 00
		J. P. Wise and wife	1 00
		J. J. Hiller	25
		Wm. Jennings	50
		Miss Mamie Derrick	25
		Mrs. Fannie Addy	1 00
		Phil Wise	75

	Denis Dundon	50
	Mrs. Rosa Wise	50
	Mrs. Wm. Jennings	25
	Mrs. Fannie Wise	25
	W. H. Hiller	25
	Rev. J. S. Elmore and wife	50
May 1.	Center Grove Church, Salisbury, N. C., per Mrs. P. N. Heilig	8 00
	Ebenezer Church—ditto—per same	7 82
	Holy Trinity, " "	6 55
	Organ Church, " "	4 90
" 14.	Bethel Luth. Ch. S S. of Springfield, Ga., per H. A. Heidt, Treas	6 06
	Luth. Chapel congregation China Grove, N. C., S. S., (Rev. C. A. Marks, Pastor,) through J. M. Eddleman, Treas	4 17
" 15.	L. M. Hoffman, Dallas, N. C	10 00
	J. H. Wyse, Pomaria, S. C	5 00
" 24.	Rev. J. Hawkins' charge, Haigler, S. C	9 50
" 29.	Rev. L. Conder's charge, of Tenn. Synod, McGaheysville, Va	5 00
	Mrs. F. E. Keller, Haigler, S. C., through Rev. J. Hawkins, special contribution for Knoxville, "stated as Zetler Fund"	5 00
" 31.	Buhler's Church, through Rev. Probst	6 20
	Dr. Jno. A. Murphy, "	2 50
	Mrs. Lucy Buhler, "	25
	Cedar Grove Church, "	3 50
	W. M. Soc. Buhler's Ch., "	5 00
June 14.	Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge, Pine Ch. S. S.	95
	Morning Star Church Sunday School	1 00
	Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, personal	1 05
	Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's Church (Grace), Stony Man, Va	1 00
" 18.	Jas. J. Morgan, Treas. Laniel Hill Sunday School, Clyo, Ga	2 10
" 19.	H. E. Grosh, Treas. Ev. Luth. S. S., Richmond, Va., collected in First English Luth. S. S. of Richmond, Va	5 35
" 21.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. of St. Peter's Luth. Ch., of Shepherdstown, W. Va., per D. M. Moser	20 00
	Lutheran S. S. of Marion, Va, per J. L. Groseclose, Supt	3 35

July 8.	From	Luther Chapel S. S., Newberry, S. C., through Col. D. B. Wheeler	5 08
		Div. American Savings Bank, March 31st	06
" 25.		St. Luke's Church, Rev. M. J. Epting, Pastor, through Mrs. Holland, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. of S. C	7 80
		St. Stephen's Ch., Rev. J. G. Graichen, Pastor, per same	10 00
" 26.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. N. C. Synod	28 39
Aug. 1.		Rev. J. I. Miller, Luray, Va., from his S. S.	6 12
" 22.		St. Stephen's S. S., Lexington, S. C., through J. E. Hendrix, Supt	2 10
Sept. 23.		M. L. Little, Dallas, N. C.:	
		Lutheran Chapel	2 80
		St. Mark's	1 70
		St. John's	3 13
		Antioch	1 80
		Rev. M. L. Little	5 00
Oct. 5.		L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va., for Joseph Fund, St. Paul's Church, Strasburg, Va	5 00
" 16.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod N. C	68 12
		Mrs. M. A. Fisher, per Pev. Probst	1 00
		Salem Church, " "	8 30
		Blacksburg, Va., S. S., " "	1 00
		Holston Synod, " "	71 02
		Rev, J. H. Wyse, Prosperity, S. C	5 00
Nov. 3.		Rev. A. W. Lindler, per Probst, Sec	2 60
		Miss Wessinger, per Probst, Sec	5 10
" 7.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Grace Luth. Ch., Winchester, Va., per Fannie O. Brown	10 41
Dec. 9.		Clayton Tiedemann, Charleston, S. C	1 00
" 15.		Miss Louisa Chisolm, Charleston	5 00
1891.			
Jan. 13.	From	Mrs. and Rev. J. W. Smith, Bruceton Mills, W. Va	5 00
" 17.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Grace Luth. Church of Winchester, Va., per F. O. Brown, Treas	24 69
		W. H. & F. M. Soc,, St. Matthew's Luth. Ch. New Market, Va., per same	5 19
" 28.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C	114 70

Mch. 16.	From W. H. & F. M. Soc. Bethel Luth. Ch., through Rev. H. S. Wingard	34	50
" 18.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C	64	29
" 19.	On Woman's Pledge, through Rev. D. M. Moser, Shepherdstown, Va	15	00
	Mrs. J. A. Piper, Staunton, Va		50
April 1.	Mrs. G. W. Holland, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., for Knoxville	68	55
" 6.	Fannie O. Brown, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. St. Matthew's Ch., New Market, Va	2	56
	Same, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Grace Ch., Winchester, Va	18	08
" 21.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. of N. C., (Salisbury, N. C.,)	54	33
May 2.	Error in charge of salary to Rev. Probst to Apr. 15, 1891, see opposite	50	00
" 15.	Mrs. P. L. Terry, being first installment on Knoxville Mission	119	38
" 23.	Mrs. M. A. F., Mill Hill, N. C., through Rev. Probst	1	00
July 16.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. N. C. Synod	199	00
	W. H. & F. M. Soc. St. Matthew's Ch., New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas	2	10
	W. H. & F. M. Soc. Grace Luth. Ch., Winchester, Va., per Fannie O. Brown Treas	22	83
Aug. 1.	Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Act. Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. of S. W. Va. Synod	206	37
" 18.	Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Act. Treas., balance of pledge to Knoxville Ch., (Roanoke, Va.,)	174	25
" 22.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Ev. Luth. Synod N. C	94	70
Sept. 1.	Miss E. O. Lippard, Treas. of W. H. & F. M. Soc. of St. Stephen's Ch., Lexington, S. C	2	50
Oct. 7.	Rev. J. D. Bowles' charge, through E. F. Frick, Elloree, S. C	2	20
" 8.	Rev. D. M. Moser, Shepherdstown, W. Va., W. H. & F. M. Soc. St. Peter's Ch. of Shepherdstown, W. Va., (Ladies' obligation)	20	00
" 10.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. St. Matthew's Ch., New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas.	1	52

Oct. 10.	From Grace Luth. Church, Winchester Va.....	13 05
	Total.....	$ 2833 15
	Total disbursements to date.....	2632 65
	Balance.....	$ 200 50
Nov. 17.	From amount from Home account to balance	324 50
	Balanced.....	$ 525 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

1890.		
Jan. 21.	Paid Remitted L. K. Probst, for Lot in Knoxville, Tenn.....	$ 600 00
Mch. 29.	Exchange.....	60
	Rev. L. K. Probst, balance of first payment on Knoxville Church.....	388 50
	(See Home Mission account..)	
Aug. 1.	Exchange on Rev. J. I. Miller's check.....	10
Oct. 16.	Half exchange check, Mrs. Heilig.....	13
Nov. 6.	Rev. L. K. Probst, to anticipate obligations on Knoxville Church. He to transmit receipts...	500 00
1891.		
Jan. 28.	Paid Half exchange check, Mrs. Heilig.....	20
Mch. 10.	Exchange on check, Mrs. Heilig.....	25
	Half exchange on check, D. M. Moser.....	12
April 10.	Amount forwarded, Rev. Probst, April 1st, 1891, (see Home Mis. acct.,) principal on Ch. debt...	500 00
	Interest on same.....	90 00
	Exchange.....	70
" 21.	Exchange on check, Mrs. Heilig.....	25
May 2.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half his salary to April 15, 1891, per statement.....	50 00
" 16.	Exchange on check of Mrs. P. L. Terry	30
July 16.	Exchange on check, Mrs. Heilig.....	55
Sept. 1.	Exchange on check, Mrs. Heilig.....	25
	Echange on check, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, (18th)..	50
	Rev. L. K. Probst, to be paid on Note on Knoxville Church, per order Dr. E. T. Horn, Pres...	500 00
Oct. 10.	Exchange on check, Fannie O. Brown.....	10
	Exchange on check, D. M. Moser.....	10
	Total disbursements to date.....	$ 2632 65

Nov. 11.	Paid Cash remitted, Rev. L. K. Probst, to pay balance due on church.....	525 00
	Balanced.....$	525 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN D. CAPPELMANN, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

REPORT OF FOREIGH MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

	Balance on hand as reported at Wilmington, Nov. 1889...$	2194 96
1889.		
Nov. 15.	From Collection at St. Paul's Ch., Wilmington, N. C., in interest of Missions	19 60
Dec. 31.	W. H. Roberts, Treas., Savannah, Ga., in full amt. due as per report of Treas. Children's Foreign Mis. Soc. Ev. Luth. Ch. S. S.....	67 87
1890.		
Jan. 25.	From W. H. & F. M. Soc. N. C. Synod, per Mrs. Heilig.....	44 01
" 27.	Hebron W. H. & F. M. Soc., Rev. B. S. Brown	5 00
" 27.	Rev. J. S. Moser, for Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, per Rev. V. R. Stickley.....	25 00
" 29.	Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, as from Rev. J. I. Miller's charge.....	4 00
	Rev. J. K. Efird's charge.....	21 75
	Rev. J. K. Efird.....	65
Feb. 11.	C. D. Franke, Charleston, S. C.....	5 00
Mch. —.	H. A. K., Winnsboro, S. C.....	25
April 5.	W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Matthew's Luth. Ch., New Market, Va., per Miss Fannie O. Brown,	3 66
	W. H. & F. M. Soc., Grace Luth. Church, Winchester, Va., per same, (as Board may direct,).....	12 16
" 21.	W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Matthew's Ch., New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas...	1 62
May 1.	W. M. & F. M. Soc., Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C., per Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas.....	18 15
" 14.	Children's Foreign Mis. Soc. of Bethel Luth. Church of Springfield, Ga., through F. B. Gnann, Treas.....	23 15

May 16.	From	Children's Foreign Mis. Soc. of Jerusalem Ch., Springfield, Ga., through C. B. Gnann.....	15 00
" 22.		I. Frank Patterson, Treas. N. C. Synod, China Grove, N. C.....	212 00
" 28.		Children's Foreign Mis. Soc., at Zion Church, in Effinghan Co., Ga., through, W. A. Dasher	4 75
July 1.		Dividend No. 32, Germania Savings Bank	44 72
" 26.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. N. C. Synod.....	21 99
Aug. 11.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod N. C.....	1 53
" 19.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth Synod N. C.....	18 16
" 21.		Miss A., Salem, Va.....	5 00
" 30.		Mrs. P. L. Terry, Treas., Roanoke, Va.....	36 22
Oct. 10.		Rev. B. S. Brown, W. H. & F. M. Soc, Hebron Church, through Rev. Probst.....	7 50
" 16.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod N. C.....	22 41
		Mrs. M. A. Fischer, through Rev. Probst.....	1 00
" 21.		Rev. L. E. Rusby, Leesville, S. C.....	13 70
		Pleasant Hill W. H. & F. M. Soc, of Smyth Co., Va.....	11 26
Nov. 6.		Children's Mis. Soc. S. C. Synod, through Rev. Probst.....	34 60
		Rev. J. A. Sligh, per same.....	5 00
		W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Grace Ch., Winchester, Va., through Fannie O. Brown.....	3 48
Nov. 25.		Young People's H. & F. M. Soc. of Emanuel Ev. Luth. Church, Rev. J. A. Cromer's Ch., Lexington, S. C.....	3 67
" 28.		H. A. K., Winnsboro.....	50
Dec. 5.		Hermann Bullwinkle, Charleston, S. C.....	3 00
" 23.		Children's Mis. Soc.. St. John's Church.....	1 75
" 30.		Children's Mis. Soc., St. John's Church.....	75
" 30.		Mrs. S. Frost, Charleston.....	25
1891.			
Jan. 9.	From	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Pulaski, Va.....	6 66
" 12.		Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Bruceton Mills, W. Va.....	5 00
" 17.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Grace Luth. Ch., Winchester, Va., per Miss F. O. Brown.....	8 22
" 17.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Matthew's Luth. Ch., of New Market, Va., per same.....	5 19

Jan. 23.	From Children's Mis. Soc. at Zion Ch. in Effingham Co., Ga., per Rev. W. A. Dasher	5 65
" 24.	Children's Mis. Soc., St. John's Ch., Charleston, through E. S. Dingle, Treas.	9 24
" 28.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C.	37 34
Feb. 9.	Rev. J. S. Moser, to be forwarded to Treas. Gen. Synod North for benefit of Muhlenberg Mission	25 00
" 13.	Treas. Va. Synod, through V. R. Stickley	45 18
	Master Fishburne Cale	4 06
	Mrs. D. P. T. Crickenberger	4 50
	W. H. & F. M. Soc., Melancthon Chapel	3 75
	Christ Church S. S., of Staunton, Va	4 37
	Christ Church S. S., of Staunton	1 83
" 21.	E. S. Dingle, Treas. Children's Mis. Soc., of St. John's, Charleston, S. C	4 86
" 21.	Madison, per Rev. Probst	10 00
Mch. 16.	S. S. at Laurel Hill Lutheran Ch., through Rev. H. S. Wingard	19 00
" 19.	Rev. D. M. Moser, for W. H. & F. M. Soc., of St. Peter's Ch., Shepherdstown, W. Va	20 00
	Dividend No. 33., Germania Savings Bank	46 20
April 3.	Children's Mis. Soc., St. John's Ch., Charleston, S. C., through E. S. Dingle, Treas.	3 95
" 6.	Fannie O. Brown, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Matthew's Ch., New Market, Va	2 56
	Same, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., Grace Ch., Winchester, Va	6 03
		$ 3193 75
	To disbursement to date	1034 50
	Balance forward	$ 2159 25
April 21.	From Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. of N. C., Salisbury, N. C	7 40
May 5.	Mrs. H. A. Klinck, Winnsboro, S. C., through Dr. Horn	7 00
" 12.	Mrs. C. B. Gnann, for Children's Foreign Mis. Soc., Jerusalem Ch., Springfield, Ga	12 13
" 20.	Children's Foreign Mis. Soc., of Bethel Luth. Ch., Springfield, Ga., through Geo. E. Usher, Sec. and Treas	21 30
June 6.	Miss M. E. Campbell, Columbia, S. C., as from Young People's H. & F. M. Soc., Emanuel Luth. Church	4 00

June 10.	From	St. Mark's Ch,, Luray, Page Co., Va., Rev. J. I. Miller's charge, through Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treas Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod.....	4 95
" 25.		Children's Mis. Soc., St. John's Ch., through E. S. Dingle, Treas.....	5 26
" 26.		Grace Luth. Ch., Winchester, Va., through Dr. Horn.....	500 00
" 30.		St. Barnabas S. S., of Charleston, through Dr. Horn.....	9 58
July 7.		St. John's Sunday School, Charleston.....	25 00
" 16.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., of N. C. Synod.....	10 50
" 16.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Matthew's Ch., New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas.....	2 09
		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Grace Ch., Winchester, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas	7 68
		Woodstock Foreign Mission, per Rev. V. R. Stickley, Treas.....	10 00
		Staunton Sunday School, per same.....	7 49
		Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., of S. W. Va. Synod, as from Children's Society.....	5 75
" 18.		Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Act. Treas., Roanoke, Va.	13 25
		Dr. Wm. A. Bell and Sisters of Winchester, Va., per Rev. L. G. M. Miller.....	75 00
" 22.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., of Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C.....	12 98
" 22.		Synod of S. W. Va., per H. S. Trout, Treas, Roanoke, Va.....	100 00
Oct 10.		St. Matthew's Church, New Market, Va., per Fannie O. Brown, Treas.....	1 51
		Grace Luth. Ch., Winchester, Va., per same	4 35
" 12.		Mrs. H. Lieding, Charleston, S. C.....	5 00
		Dividend No. 34, Germania Savings Bank.....	42 42
" 18.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., Ev. Luth. Synod N. C.....	26 78
			$ 3080 62
		Total disbursement to date.	642 98
		Balance..... .....$	2437 64
Oct. 27.		Miss M. E. Campbell, Prosperity, S. C., as from Young People's H. & F. M. Soc., of Emanuel Ev. Luth. Ch., Lexington, Co., Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge.....	4 20

Nov. 10.	From	Georgia Synod, for Pilgrim Ch., through Rev. H. S. Wingard	15 97
		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Luther Chapel, Newberry, S. C., through Mrs. G. W. Holland	18 00
		Rev. T. O. Keister, as from Children's Mis. Society	5 65
		Same, for Home and Foreign	6 34
" 10.		W. H. & F. M. Soc., of Mt. Pleasant Church, through Rev. J. H. Wilson	7 83
		Ebenezer, Columbia, through Rev. M. M. Kinard	7 38
		St. Paul's Ch., through J. H. Eleazer, Treas	8 80
" 23.		Collection as St. John's Church on 22nd, Ordination of Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	92 76
" 27.		Members of St. John's, Charleston	11 00
" 27.		Members of St. Johannes', Charleston	1 00
		Infant Class Sunday School, St. John's	10 00
Dec. 9.		Sunday School of Rev. Dr. Marten's Augusta, Georgia	7 00
" 30.		I. Frank Patterson, Treas N. C. Synod, China Grove, N. C	141 71
1892.			
Jan. 5.		Miss Irene Burn, Port Royal, S. C	1 00
', 9.		Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, as per his statement as follows:	
		St. Mark's, Charlotte, N. C	8 80
		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Trinity Church, Mt. Pleasant, N. C	5 87
		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Organ Church, N. C.	3 80
		Mt. Olive Church, per Rev. G. H. Cox	1 34
		St. Enoch Church, N. C	4 75
		Union Church, N. C	12 08
		W. H. & F. M. Soc, Salisbury, N. C	11 15
		Richmond Congregation, per Rev. J. C. Seegers	6 60
		W. H. & F. M. Soc., Shepherdstown, W.Va.	10 00
		Emanuel Church, Woodstock, Va	6 28
		Dividend No. 25, Germania Savings Bank	41 20
" 21.		Henry Baetjer, Treas. Grace Ch., Winchester, Va, through Dr. Horn	200 00
" 27.		Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C	75 35
		Children's H. & F. M. Soc., St. John's Church, through E. S. Dingle, Treas	5 45

Jan. 29.	From Knoxville Church, through Rev Probst.....	9 00
Feb. 1.	Zion Church, Effingham Co., Ga., per W. A. Dasher, Marlow, Ga.....	6 63
" 11.	W. H. & F. M. Soc., St. Matthew's Ch., New Market, Va., per Fannie O Brown.....	1 79
" 11.	W. H. & F. M. Soc., Grace Luth. Ch., Winchester, Va., per same.....	4 50
" 17.	Rev. E. T. Horn, Charleston, S. C.....	5 00
" 26.	L. M. Hoffman, Dallas, N. C.....	5 00
Mch. 4.	Children's H. & F. M. Soc., of Savannah, Ga., per Geo. Blerlock, Jr., Treas.....	30 00
" 4.	Nimrod Bowman, Maurertown, Va.....	3 00
" 4.	C. D. Franke, Charleston, S. C.....	10 00
" 16.	Miss Laura A. Metzger, Clyo, Ga , as for Children's Foreign Mis Soc. of Laurel Hill Luth. Church.....	21 50
" 17.	J. J. Goodman, Mooresville, N. C., donation of Winston Mission.....	1 25
	St. Matthew's Church, of New Market, Va., through Rev. J. A. B. Scherer.....	4 14
" 18.	Emanuel Church, through same.....	5 94
" 18.	Christ Church, of Staunton, through W. H. & F. M. Society.....	15 00
" 18.	Trinity, of Wytheville, through Rev. A. Phillippi.....	5 60
" 18.	Marion, through Rev. W. P. Huddle.....	3 50
" 23.	Henry Siegling, for Japan Mission.....	2 00
April 14.	St. Andrew's H. & F. M. Soc , Pleasant Hill, S. C., per Jno Q. Eargle, Sec.....	1 12
" 20.	Woman's Society of Madison Pastorate, Madison C. H., Va.....	8 70
" 26.	Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod.....	53 53
" 27.	H. A. Klinck, Winnsboro, S. C.....	50
" 28.	Children's Mis. Soc. of College Church, Salem, Va., through Mrs. Armand Miller.....	14 75
" 28.	The Society of Young People's Christian Endeavor of College Ch., Salem, Va., through Nellie S. Phillips.....	7 00
" 28.	W. H. & F. M. Soc. of Melancthon Chapel, through Mrs. N. J. Kagey, Sec.....	11 45
" 28.	Mrs. L. A. Goebel, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc. of the Ev. Luth. Ch of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.....	10 00
May 11.	Rev. P. C. Wike's charge, St. Matthew's Ch., Stony Man, Page Co., through Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treas.....	2 50

May 14.	From Children's Mis. Soc. of St. John's, Charleston, E. S. Dingle, Treas.	8	95
" 21.	Otto Tiedemann, Charleston	5	00
" 23.	I. Frank Patterson, Treas. N. C. Synod, contribution from that Synod	252	67
" 24.	C. B. Gnann, Springfield, Ga., from Children's Foreign Mis. Soc. of Jerusalen Ch	9	23
" 26.	Children's Foreign Mis. Soc. of Bethel Luth. Church, Springfield, Ga	24	75
June 6.	Virginia Synod, through Rev. D. M. Moser	151	40
" 6.	Staunton Sunday School, Easter offering	3	77
" 6.	St. Peter's S. S., Shepherdstown, W. Va., for work in Japan, through same	30	00
" 7.	St. John's Luth. Church, Walhalla	3	76
" 15.	St. John's Luth. S. S., Charleston	23	00
		$ 3926	86

DISBURSEMENTS.

1889.			
Dec. 21.	Paid Exchange on check, W. H. Roberts		15
1890.			
Jan. 2.	Paid Half expenses E. A. Wingard to Charleston	$ 2	60
	Half expenses H. A. Meetze, ditto	2	60
	Half expeuses H. S. Wingard, ditto	3	00
	Half expenses L. K. Probst, ditto	9	00
	Lucas & Richardson for printing Mission News	40	87
" 6.	Postal cards receipts	1	25
" 27.	Remitted to O. F. Lantz, Baltimore, amount from Rev. J S. Moser	25	00
Feb. 13.	Remitted Mr. Frankes, contribution to Knoxville, acct. by his direction	5	00
Mch. 28.	J. H. E. Stellings, bill half to Home	1	50
" 29.	Walker, Evans & Cogswell bill, half acct. Home Mission	23	45
July 9.	Walker, Evans & Cogswell bill, half to Home account	24	70
" 17.	Half expenses Board meeting	10	80
" 26.	Half exchange Mrs. Heilig check		15
Aug. 1.	Amount paid by Dr. Horn for Dictionaries of Roads, &c., in Japan	2	50
" 6.	Half expenses Rev. Probst attending Board meeting, July 17, half to Home account	12	50

"	8.	Half expenses same, addressing Mission News, &c., half to Home	2 00
"	6.	One year's subscription to Missionary Review of the World	2 00
"	6.	Money Order fee for same	03
"	6.	One year's subscription to Missionary Herald	1 00
"	6.	Money Order fee for same	03
"	8.	Dr. Horn, to be sent Mr. Goodman, our Missionary	30 00
		Exchange on check for same	10
"	19.	Exchange on check, Mrs. Heilig	12
Sept.	13.	Mr. J. I. Goodman, expenses to Va. Synod and to Washington	22 50
Oct.	2.	Half Walker, Evans & Cogswell bill, printing and mailing Mission News	23 47
"	10.	Dr. Horn, returning amount sent by him to Mr. Goodman, to pay his expenses to Charleston	25 00
"	10.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half expenses attending N. C. Woman's Convention, S. W. Va. Synod and Holston Synod	17 00
"	10.	Rev. Probst, half expenses wrapping and addressing Mission News	1 77
"	17.	Half exchange on check from Mrs. Heilig	12
"	21.	Half expenses Meetze, Efird and Wingard to meeting at Newberry	4 45
		Telegram to Dr. Horn	55
		Legerton & McMillan's bill	21 25
Nov.	6.	Exchange on checks	83
"	21.	J. I. Goodman, his expenses	5 00
		J. I. Goodman, fees of Medical College:	
		Anatomy $25 00	
		Materia Medica 30 00	
		Matriculation fee 5 00—	60 00
Dec.	3.	J. I Gooman, his expenses to Dec. 1st	41 66
"	18.	J. I. Goodman, his expenses to January	41 66
"	30.	Half bill Walker, Evans & Cogswell, printing Mission News	22 91
"	30.	Bill Lutheran Book Store, Philadelphia Pa	4 32
"	30.	Half bill Funk & Wagnals, for Missionary Review	1 00
"	31.	Half exchange on check on New York	05
1891.			
Jan.	10.	Paid Rev. L. K. Probst, salary for Nov. 15 and Dec. 16, 1890	200 00

Jan. 28.	Paid Half exchange on check Mrs. Heilig		20
Feb. 2.	J. I. Goodman, his expenses	41	66
" 2.	Same, for books	4	65
" 9.	Miners' & Merchants' Bank, amount overpaid by them on check to Rev. Probst	1	00
" 10.	Exchange on check to Rev. Moser		15
" 14.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half bill priuting Mission News	54	00
" 18.	Half exchange on check V. R. Stickley		25
" 24.	Rev. L. K. Probst, salary to Jan. 15th, 1891, half	50	00
	Half exchange on check to him		05
Mch. 4.	J. I. Goodman, his expenses	41	66
" 4.	Half printing bill Mission News	8	12
" 4.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half editorial salary	7	50
" 11.	Half Rev. Probst salary to February	50	00
	Half exchange on check to him		05
" 19.	Half exchange on check D. M. Moser		13
" 28.	Rev. R. C. Holland bill for Kurtz Ch. History, for J. I. Goodman	6	00
" 30.	J. I. Goodman, his expenses	41	66
April 1.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, salary and balance on Mission News	7	90
	Total disbursement to date	$ 1034	50
April 8.	Paid Half expenses Efird and Meetze to meeting of Board at Charleston	11	50
" 8.	Half expenses H. S. Wingard, ditto	5	00
" 9.	Half expenses Rev. Probst, ditto	6	60
	Half Rev. Probst salary to March	50	00
" 28.	Half Rev. Probst to Richmond and beyond	34	61
" 30.	J. I. Goodman, his expenses	80	00
May 4.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to April 15, 1891	50	00
" 7.	S. T. Hallman, half editorial salary	7	50
" 7.	S. T. Hallman, half printers' bill	7	58
" 23.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to May	50	00
June 13.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half printing bill	5	00
	Same, half salary to May	7	50
" 19.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to June	50	00
" 19.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half expenses to Holston Synod	2	62
July 8.	Exchange on check Grace Luth. Church	1	25
" 11.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
	Same, half printing bill	11	80

July 29.	Paid Rev. L. K. Probst, half to July	50	00
Aug. 7.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
	Same, half printing bill	4	10
	Same, half expenses, stamps, &c		23
Sept. 1.	Half exchange on check H. S. Trout, 22 Aug		25
" 7.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
" 7.	Same, half printing bill	14	80
" 7.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary, &c., to Aug. 15th	50	00
" 7.	Same, half balance traveling expenses	2	24
" 24.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to Sept	50	00
Oct. 7.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
	Same, half printing bill	13	80
" 12.	Rev. E. T. Horn, half his expenses visiting W. H. & F. M. Soc. and telegrams	6	38
" 12.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, to pay his traveling expenses, Pulaski to Augusta, Ga	40	00
" 17.	Half exchange to check Mrs. Heilig		12
	Total disbursements to date	$ 642	98
Oct. 22.	Paid Rev. L. K. Probst, half expeuses to Augusta	13	95
" 22.	J. D. Cappelmann, same	4	97
" 22.	C. M. Efird, same	2	90
	H. A. Meetze, same	1	25
" 27.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, for expenses	20	00
	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to Oct	50	00
" 30.	J. A. B. Scherer, advanced on salary as per agreement	250	00
Nov. 11.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
	Same, half printing bill	17	55
	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, balance his traveling expenses per statement	69	97
" 17.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, on account of outfit	100	00
" 24.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, on acct. health allowance	16	70
	Same, on acct. necessary outfit and stationery	5	85
	Rev. E. T. Horn, amount paid for photos of Mr. Scherer for Board	5	00
" 27.	Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, his expenses to ordination of Mr. Scherer	11	80
	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, additional for outfit	12	80
	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, additional on acct. health allowance	1	60
	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to 15th	50	00
Dec. 9.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, expenses	50	00

Dec. 9.	Paid Bill W. J. Duffie, Columbia, Common Service Book for Mr. Scherer	2	07
" 12.	Exchange on check Rev. Martens		10
" 14.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
	Same, half printing bill	18	80
" 17.	Bill James & McRea, Laurinburg, N. C., for Mr. Scherer	30	22
" 30.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half to Dec. 1st	50	00
	Half Tribune Job Office bill	9	12
	Cash invested in N. Y. Exchange to Dr. Horn for books for Mr. Scherer	108	45
	Exchange on check I. F. Patterson		35
	Cash paid exchange on check on New Yerk		15
1892.			
Jan. 9.	Paid Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, expenses as per statement	54	79
" 9.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, on account traveling expenses to Japan per statement	15	88
	Cash invested in N. Y. Exchange to pay Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, traveliug expenses to Japan	240	00
	Cash invested in N. Y. Exchange to Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, salary to May 1st, 1892	187	50
	For extra outfit	50	00
	Teacher of Japanese	75	00
	Balance of health account	6	70
	Exchange on check	5	80
" 16.	Bill H. S. Boner, for books for Mr. Scherer	4	31
" 18.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
" 18.	Same, half printing bill	22	15
" 29.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to 15th	50	00
	Same, half stamped envelopes	4	40
	Same, half bill for seal	2	00
" 30.	Exchange on check		50
	Exchange on check Mrs. Heilig		35
Feb. 8.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
	Same, half printers' bill	22	63
" 25.	Rev. Probst, half to 15th	50	00
Mch. 3.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half salary	7	50
	Same, half printers' bill	17	30
" 18.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, on expense account, per amounts receipted for by him to Feb. 10, '92	34	18
	Him balance due him as per same statement	35	42
" 23.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to 15th	50	00
	Same, half stamped envelopes	7	50
	Same, half expenses to Bristol	2	00

Mch. 30.	Paid Mr. J. A. B. Scherer, for furniture	178	52
	Same, for expenses	22	33
	Same, salary to June 1	62	50
" 30.	Dr. Horn, exchange on above check	3	77
	Same, for blank book		75
April 14.	Bill Missionary Herald	2	03
" 18.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half printers' bill	15	13
	Same, half salary	7	50
	Same, half expenses	2	50
" 20.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half to 15th	50	00
May 7.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half his expenses to N. C. Synod and Board meeting	16	67
	C. M. Efird, half same	6	83
	H. A. Meetze, half same	6	50
	H. S. Wingard, half same	6	63
	E. A. Wingard, half same	7	38
	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, his salary to July 1st, '92	62	50
	Exchange on check for same	1	50
" 23.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half to 15th	50	00
	Same, half for postals		75
" 26.	Exchange on check of I. Frank Patterson		63
	Rev. S. T. Hallman, half printers' bill	18	50
	Same, half salary	7	50
June 6.	Rev. L. K. Probst, half printers' bill	7	68
" 8.	Half exchange on check of D. M. Moser		50
" 11.	Bill Christian Literature Company, for Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	2	60
" 15.	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, his salary to Aug. 1st, '92	62	50
" 18.	Half Clerical extras	10	00
	Rev. L. K. Probst, half salary to 15th	50	00
	Same, half expenses to Atlanta	3	75
		$ 2546	97

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The item concerning the charter of incorporation was adopted.

The item concerning the General Secretary was approved, and the thanks of the Synod tendered that officer.

The item concerning the Children's Missionary Societies was adopted.

The item concerning the Co-operation of District Synods was adopted.

The item concerning special Sundays for Mission collections was adopted.

The item concerning Woman's Mission Societies was adopted in commendation and encouragement of this work.

The item concerning the *Mission News* was adopted, and the Board was instructed to make that publication self-sustaining, if possible.

Rev. J. H. Frazee, D. D., of Pilgrim Congregational Church, and Rev. J. M. LaBach, of the Central Presbyterian Church, of the city, were introduced and invited to seats within the bar of the Synod.

The following named Lutheran ministers and theological students were received as advisory members: Revs. J. B. Rodgers, W. G. Wolford, R. B. Peery, Prof. J. H. Summitt, A. D. Hancher, L. K. Probst and Prof. J. H. C. Fisher.

Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D., presented his credentials as delegate from the General Synod, and it was decided that he be heard at the opening of Synod to-morrow morning.

Synod adjourned, and was led in prayer by Rev. W. Y. Cline.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with divine service directed by the President, and led in prayer by Rev. J. K. Hancher. The

roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Revs. J. R. Lauritzen, E. J. Wolf, D. D., and W. A. Lutz, Lutheran ministers, were received as advisory members.

The President announced the following committees:

President's Report.—Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. A. Snyder, Rev. G. W. Holland, D. D., I. F. Patterson, J. B. Wingard.

Minutes of Last Synod.—Rev. H. S. Wingard, Rev. C. A. Rose, Rev. W. Y. Cline, J. A. Henson, H. H. Folk.

District Synods.—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Rev. L. E. Busby, D. E. Reisser, A. D. Haltiwanger.

State of the Church.—Rev. R. C. Holland, Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. W. J. Smith, J. E. Cooper, D. B. Wheeler.

Devotional Exercises.—Officers of Synod and Pastor *loci.*

Theological Seminaries.—Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., Rev. J. G. Schaid, Rev. E. A. Wingard, A. Koiner, C. G. Heilig.

Literary Institutions.—Rev. P. C. Wike, Rev. J. B. Greiner, Rev. J. S. Elmore, Geo. E. Richey, G. P. Hodnett.

Missions.—Rev. G. W. Holland, D. D., Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. C. B. King, Rev. C. Armand Miller, Geo. B. Cromer, J. L. Groseclose.

Treasurer's Report.—H. A. Meetze, J. C. Seegers, J. E. Cooper.

Letters and Petitions.—Rev. J. A. Sligh, Rev. J. Q. Wertz, Rev. J. K. Hancher, Rev. G. W. Spiggle, P. N. Heilig.

Church Literature.—Rev. J. B. Greever, Rev. A. G. Voigt, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. W. R. Brown, W. A. Lentz.

The special order was announced, and Rev. Dr. Owen addressed the Synod, and was replied to briefly by the President. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod is highly gratified by the presence of Rev. Dr. Owen as delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and that the fraternal regards and sympathy of the body which he represents, and expressed, are cordially reciprocated; and that we appoint a delegate to represent us in the next meeting of that body.

On motion, a committee consisting of Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, W. J. Smith and C. B. King was appointed to nominate delegates to the General Council and the General Synod.

Synod resumed the consideration of the Report of the Board of Missions.

The item relating to Augusta, Ga., was adopted.

The item concerning Richmond, Va., was adopted.

The item relating to Knoxville, Tenn., was adopted.

The item concerning Bristol and other points was adopted, and the appointment of a second Missionary was left to the discretion of the Board.

The item concerning Trinity, Richmond, Va., was adopted.

The item concerning Winston, N. C., was adopted.

The item concerning Chattanooga, Tenn., was adopted.

The item concerning Atlanta, Ga., was adopted.

The item concerning Norfolk, Va., was adopted.

The item concerning the Board's Missionaries was adopted.

The item concerning the colored people was adopted.

The item concerning the Financial Statement was adopted.

The first recommendation was adopted.

The item concerning Mr. J. I. Goodman was adopted.

The item concerning Rev. J. A. B. Scherer was adopted.

The item concerning the second Missionary, R. B. Peery, was adopted.

The item concerning the correspondence with Rev. J. H. Brockman was adopted, and the matter referred to the Board.

The item concerning the financial statement was adopted.

During the consideration of this report a motion prevailed making the unfinished business of the consideration of the By-Laws, Rules of Order, etc., the special order for 3 o'clock P. M.

Pending the consideration of the report Synod adjourned to the afternoon hour, and was led in prayer by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

The Synod met, and was led in prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer. The roll was called and the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The consideration of the report pending at the hour of adjournment was resumed.

The item concerning the recommendation to raise $3,000 annually for Foreign Missions was amended so as to instruct the Board to raise $4,500.

The last item was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and ordered to be printed.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the United Synod are due and are hereby tendered to its Executive Board of Missions and its efficient Secretary for the satisfactory and successful discharge of their onerous and difficult duties.

Rev. Mr. Elmore, of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of the city, was introduced, and received within the bar of Synod.

The special order was announced, and Synod entered upon the consideration of the By-Laws and Rules of Order as printed in the Minutes of its second convention. These were slightly amended, and adopted seriatim, and then as a whole. After which the following was passed:

Resolved, That a committee of one from each District Synod connected with the United Synod be appointed to report suitable action on Regulations in Regard to Work and report to-morrow morning immediately after the meeting of the Synod.

The following committee was accordingly appointed: Revs. Geo. H. Cox, R. C. Holland, D. D., S. Henkel, D. D., L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. B. Greiner, A. J. Brown, D. D., and H. S. Wingard.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

By-Laws.

I. On assembling at the time and place, the regular service shall be used, and the Synodical Sermon delivered by the President of the former Convention, or, in his absence, by some one appointed by him.

II. The Holy Communion shall then, after Confession and Absolution, be administered, first to the members of Synod, and afterwards to the members of the congregation.

III. The Synod shall then be organized in the manner provided in Article V. of the Constitution, and a majority of all the votes present shall be necessary for the election of officers.

IV. Members and delegates from other Evangelical Lutheran Synods or General Bodies may be received, and tendered the privilege of participating in the deliberation and discussions. Members of other ecclesiactical organizations may, on motion, receive recognition, by being invited to seats.

V. No member shall absent himself during the entire term of the Convention without permission from the Synod, nor from its daily sessions without permission from the President.

VI. Order of Business for Daily Sessions.

FIRST SESSION.

1. Reception of Credentials of Delegates, and enrollment of members.
2. Hearing the President's Report.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reading the Rules of Order.
5. Application of Synods for connection with the United Synod.
6. Reading or referring Minutes of last Convention.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Reception of Documents, etc., from District Synods, or from other sources.
9. Appointments of Standing Committees.
10. Reports of Standing Committees.
11. Reports from Theological and Literary Institutions.
12. Proposition, discussion and disposal of Resolutions.

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading and approval, or correction of Minutes.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Special Committees.

6. Reports of District Synods on Home Missions.
7. Resolutions.
8. New or Miscellaneous Business, in the order indicated by the President.

VII. On the second evening after the opening of the Convention, the regular Missionary meeting shall be held.

Rules of Order.

I. No subject shall be discussed without a motion or resolution, thereupon, presented in writing, and seconded.

II. When a member wishes to speak on any question before Synod, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President. He shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration, and shall avoid all personalities and improprieties of language, and whilst so doing shall not be interrupted except with his own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.

III. At the request of any member, a proposition containing two or more distinct points may be divided, the vote on the several points taken separately.

IV. Every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by Synod.

V. No amendment shall be entertained that is not relevant to the subject under consideration, and no amendment beyond the second degree shall be in order.

VI. When a question is before Synod, no motion shall be received, except—

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To take the question without further debate.
4. To postpone indefinitely.
5. To postpone to a special time.
6. To commit or amend.

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order above arranged.

VII. A motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

VIII. The motion to adjourn shall be decided without debate.

IX. Debatable motions, until decided, shall preclude all discussion of the main question.

X. Amendments may be offered at any stage of a question.

XI. When a question is postponed indefinitely it shall not be entertained again during the Convention, except on motion for reconsideration by a member who voted with the majority; which motion shall take precedence of all others, except that to adjourn.

XII. A motion may be withdrawn at any time, with the consent of the Synod, before decision or amendment.

XIII. No member shall be permitted to speak the second time so long as any other member, not yet having spoken may desire to do so.

XIV. A member, when called to order by the Chair, shall take his seat; but he shall have the right of appeal to Synod, and a decision thereupon shall be made without debate.

XV. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded on any question, when requested by three members of the Convention.

XVI. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time named, shall be voted on first.

XVII. The President shall decide all questions of order; but any member may appeal from his decision, and such appeal shall not be discussed, except when growing out of a debatable motion before the Convention.

XVIII. The President shall have the right to speak on any question before the Convention, provided, as hereby authorized, he appoint some member to perform the duties of the Chair whilst thus temporarily vacated.

XIX. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by Synod.

XX. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at each Convention:

1. On President's Report.
2. On Minutes of Last Synod.
3. On District Synods.
4. On State of the Church.
5. On Devotional Exercises.
6. On Theological Seminaries.
7. On Literary Institutions.
8. On Missions.
9. On Treasurer's Report.
10. On Letters and Petitions.
11. On Church Literature.

These Rules shall be read by the Secretary before the Convention, immediately after its organization, and may be modified, amended or abolished at any session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rev. H. S. Wingard read the following report, which was received and considered by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Convention submit the following:

1. Is the Committee on Seaman's Aid Society ready to report?

2. Is the Board of Education ready to report?

3. Did the Secretary make the apportionment provided for on page 66, and was it paid?

4. Is the Committee on Sunday School Literature ready to report?

5. Is the Committee to receive gifts for "Orphan's Home" ready to report?

6. Have the guardians of the funds of the Theological Seminary, formerly located at Salem, Va., placed the interest accruing from said fund in the hands of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod?

7. Are the Visitors to other General Bodies ready to report?

8. Matters pertaining to the Seminary and Missions will be considered under the reports of the respective Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. WINGARD.
C. A. ROSE.
W. Y. CLINE.
J. A. HENSON.
H. H. FOLK.

Item 1. Progress was reported, and committee continued.

Item 2. Yes.

Item 3. Yes, but not all paid.

Item 4. No.

Item 5. No.

Item 6. No. The report of Mr. H. S. Trout was referred to a special committee composed of Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., and Maj. A. Koiner.

Item 7. Yes.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Secretary read the following report, which was adopted, and the following committee was appointed to nominate a Board of Education: Revs. J. B. Greever, C. A. Marks and L. E. Busby:

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

At the Third Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the city of Wilmington, N. C., in November, 1889, a Board of Education was appointed on the recommendation of the President. (Minutes, pages 5 and 6.) This Committee consisted of Revs. W. E. Hubbert, Chairman, L. G. M. Miller, S. L. Keller, J. C. Moser and E. A. Wingard, and Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel and Capt.

W. A. Barrier. (Minutes, page 65.) The duty of the Committee was defined to be "to gather, tabulate and publish reports of all our church schools of whatever grade, to compare their course of study, to advise with the faculties and, on the basis of the information gathered, to suggest to future conventions of the United Synod appropriate action." (Minutes, pages 5, 6 and 47.)

Owing to the want of definite information as to the time of the meeting of this body, and to the hope that it would not convene at all during this year, I delayed action. When the convention was announced, I at once entered into a correspondence with the members of the committee and with others interested in the work of education.

With one exception, every one addressed advised that the committee take no action, at least not at present. Some questioned the right of the Synod to undertake the proposed supervision, and all, with the exception mentioned, agreed that want of time precluded the preparation of such a report and collating such data as would lead to any definite result.

In the name of the Committee, I therefore refer the subject to the Synod assembled in its present convention for such action as it may see proper to take, and with the request that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of this very important subject.

Not being able to attend the Synod, I send this report to the pastor *loci*, Rev. L. K. Probst, with the request that he present it in the name of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. HUBBERT, Chairman.

Blacksburg, Va., June 16, 1892.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., read the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary report that they organized by the election of Rev. Edward T. Horn, President, and G. B. Cromer, Secretary.

The Professors elected having declined, it was thought a useless expense to call a meeting of the Board before this time.

The Board recommends—

1. That the United Synod establish a Theological Seminary.

2. That the constitution of the former Theological Seminary of the General Synod South be adopted as its constitution, the name and title of the *United Synod* being substituted for that of the *General Synod* in it, and *Doctrinal Basis of the United Synod* being substituted in the oath requested of the Professors.

3. That the Seminary be temporarily placed at Newberry, S. C.

4. That the Barrier Fund be invested, and its interest applied to the use of the Seminary.

5. That in the election of Directors, regard be not had to their synodical connection, and that the constitution of the Seminary be so amended.

6. That the United Synod be incorporated, so as to secure the use of Capt. Barrier's legacy.

EDWARD T. HORN, President.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., read the following report which was adopted, and the Committee continued:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE COMMON SERVICE.

The Committee on the Common Service report:

Since our last report the Geueral Council has published an edition of the *Common Service* in the *Church Book*. A committee of the Joint Synod of Ohio and a committee of the English District Synod of the Missouri Synod have asked permission to use the Common Service and to publish editions of it with some changes. Unable to sanction departures from the Staudard Manuscript, the committees agreed to make no objection to the use of our work by these bodies, inasmuch as we desire the widest use of the Service and the greatest possible uniformity throught our Church.

The first draft of a revised translation of the Augsburg Confession, proposed as a standard English translation, prepared by the Joint Committee, the Joint Synod of Ohio also co-operating, has heen published in the *Church Book*, for examination and revision, and the last number of the *Lutheran Church Review* contains a proposed revision of the translation of Luther's Small Catechism. The Committee is yet to consider this. It is wished that pastors and scholars should examine these translations, and send their comments to the Committee.

Mr. Boner reports that of the *Hymn and Service Book for Sunday Schools* 2,375 copies have been sold.

The report of the sales of the Book of Worship, etc., is herewith submitted.

Report of Sales per W. J. Duffie.

Rev. Edward T. Horn, D. D., Chairman Publication Committee:

DEAR SIR:—I hand you my report of sales of Book of Worship and Common Service since last report.

BOOK OF WORSHIP.

On hand November 8, 1889, as follows:

Sheets unbound, pulpit size	550
Sheets unbound, small or 24 mo. size	820

Bound copies, small or 24 mo. size	665
Bound copies, pulpit size or 12 mo	62
	2097
Add sheets, small or 24 mo. size, printed Sept. 20, 1890	2000
	4097
Deduct on hand June 9, 1892:	
Book of Worship, 24 mo. or small size, in sheets . . . 474	
Book of Worship, 24 mo. or small size, bound copies . . . 521	
Book of Worship, pulpit size or 12 mo., in sheets . . . 254	
Book of Worship, pulpit size or 24 mo., bound . . . 83	
	1332
	2765
Deduct copies given away to feeble churches	20
	2745

The copyright on each copy of Book of Worship sold is eight cents. Hence copyright on 2745 copies is $219.60.

COMMON SERVICE.

(Small size or 24 mo.)

	On hand: Nov. 8, 1889.	June 9, 1892.	Sales.	Price.		Aggregate.
Cloth	100	6	94	47 @ 46¾	47 @ 32	$ 27 61
Arabesque, plain	10	1	9	5 @ 44⅓	4 @ 52	4 30
Arabesque, gilt	30	6	4	2 @ 72	2 @ 60	2 64
English Turkey	15	12	3	@ 83⅓		2 50
Turkey morocco	10	3	7	4 @ 2 00	3 @ 1 67	13 01
Small size, cheap 200 / Made June 17, '91 500		196	504	@ 13		65 52

COMMON SERVICE.

(Pulpit size or 12 mo.)

Sheets	250	250				
Cloth	45	18	27	13 @ 64	14 @ 53⅓	15 79
Arabesque, plain	43	38	5	@ 1 20		6 00
Arabesque, gilt	25	22	3	@ 1 40		4 20
Turkey, flexible	24	24	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . .

Total amount for Common Service sold since last report	$141 57
Five per cent. commissions due United Synod on same	7 07
Copyright on Books of Worship sold	219 60
Due United Synod	$226 67

I enclose check for $226.67 to balance account to date. Please have your Treasurer to send me receipt.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. DUFFIE.

Columbia, S. C., June 9, 1892.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That this body accepts the Charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Resolved, 2nd, That the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

The following was adopted:

Inasmuch as the Scriptures says, "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," and Paul, speaking by the Holy Ghost, declared, "For me to live is Christ," and inasmuch as the liquor saloon business does not make for God's glory, neither tends to mould character into likeness to Christ, but on the contrary is fraught with incalculable evils to Church and State, to the community and to the individual; therefore be it

Resolved, That we give it as our earnest Christian judgment that the members of our churches would most promote God's glory and the welfare of men by abstaining from all connection, either direct or indirect, with that business.

Rev. J. B. Greever read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Church Literature takes pleasure in reporting that the English-speaking Lutherans now have a Church Literature of which we may be proud. It is well known, that our Church Literature has been principally in German. This barrier has been broken down and now we have such works as "Luther on Education," "The History of the Tennessee Synod," The Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church," "Lutheranism in all Lands," "The Hand Book of Lutheranism," "The Lutheran Movement in England," "The Life and Times of Muhlenberg," "The Lutherans in America," and others.

These works are doing wonders in our Church. Its rapid growth in the last decade is in much part attributable to them. The English-speaking Lutherans, for generations yet to come, will rise up and call them blessed. Where they are circulated "the healing streams do flow."

The spirit of indifference which seems to be growing in some of the Literary Institutions of our Church in this country may be attributed to laxness in our Church Literature. Our Literature is the fountain and must be pure, if our streams are pure.

Hints have been heard that there are defects in the hymnological part

On motion, Mr. Duffie's check for $226.67 was turned over to the Treasurer.

Rev. Carter Helm Jones, of the First Baptist Church in the city, and Rev. Mr. Utley, Methodist, a missionary returned from Japan, were introduced and received within the bar of Synod.

A preamble and resolutions, presented by Hon. A. Koiner, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

An invitation for an excursion to Fountain City was declined with thanks.

Synod adjourned, and was led in prayer by Dr. Wolf.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and after the singing of a hymn was led in prayer by Rev. J. S. Elmore. The roll was called and the Minutes of the previous session read and approved,

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., read the following report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS.

We, the Committee, appointed to report in regard to the Regulations relative to the Work of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, after prayerful consideration submit the following:

It is our persuasion that this body is not prepared to express a unanimous judgment on these regulations. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on By-Laws, &c., be adopted without them.

A. J. BROWN, Chairman.
J. B. GREINER.
H. S. WINGARD.
L. G. M. MILLER.
GEO. H. COX.
SOCRATES HENKEL,
R. C. HOLLAND.

Revs. A. L. Crouse and P. C. Wike were granted the privilege, upon their request, of recording their votes in the negative.

of the Book of Worship, which can only be remedied by a revision of the same.

The desire exists that we have a Publication House of our own, but until then, we can get such Sunday-school Literature as is furnished by the Church North. This now meets our demands reasonably well.

The *Mission News*, which has been published monthly by the Board of Missions for a year and a half, has been a stimulus the mission work, especially among the Woman's Mission Societies. We regret to learn that this journal has not been self-sustaining, but hope the Board will be able to make it so in the near future.

The *Lutheran Visitor* has been furnishing the Church with articles of instruction and items of news calculated to promote piety and increase information and enhance interest in the kingdom of our Lord.

Our Church Paper, published at New Market, continues its work with great fidelity to the Lutheran Church. This paper has done and is doing an excellent work in our Southern Church.

The value of Church Literature can not be over estimated, and we recommend all these papers to our people.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
W. R. BROWN.
S. HENKEL.
J. B. GREEVER.

DELEGATES TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

Rev. W. C. Schaeffer read the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee, appointed to nominate to this Body delegates to the General Synod and General Council of the Lutheran Church, would respectfully submit the following:

Delegate to the General Synod—Rev. D. M. Moser, with Rev. H. S. Wingard, alternate.

General Council—Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., delegate; Rev. J. A. Snyder, alternate.

W. C. SCHAEFFER.
W. J. SMITH.
C. B. KING.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Rev. J. B. Greever read the following report, which was received and adopted:

We, your Committee to nominate a Board of Education, would respect-

fully suggest the following names: Rev. W. E. Hubbert, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. J. C. Moser, Rev. E. A. Wingard, Mr. Wm. McCauley, Maj. A. Koiner.

Hon. H. A. Meetze read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find that all his payments are properly vouched, and that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer $5.07.

Respeetfully submitted,

HENRY A. MEETZE.
J. E. COOPER.
JOHN C. SEEGERS.

The report of Capt. W. A. Barrier was ordered to be printed.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., read the following report, which was received and adopted:

Recommended that Mr. Trout's report be received and spread on the Minutes. That Mr. Trout be directed to use his best judgment to collect the interest due, and to protect the Fund of which he is Treasurer. That Mr. Trout be re-elected Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HORN.
J. I. MILLER.
A. KOINER.

THE NEXT CONVENTION.

Synod resolved to hold its next Convention with Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Staunton, Va., beginning on Wednesday, 10 A. M., before the 4th Sunday of September, 1895.

Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., read the following report, which was received, considered by items, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee on President's Report beg leave to submit the following:

1. The report is an able, well prepared paper, which, with the satisfac-

tory manner in which the President performed all the duties of his office, demands an expression of sincere appreciation from this body.

2. The President calls attention to the perplexing limitations connected with the time and place of our present meeting. Your Committee feel that in the light of all the circumstances he did wisely and should be fully endorsed by this body.

3. The President appropriately and feelingly calls attention to the departure by death of three brethren, T. L. Seigle, G. Leaphart and W. A. Barrier, who were often members of this body. In their death we would be reminded of the uncertainty of our continuance here, and of the importance of doing well and conscientiously whatever our hands find to do. We would also, as a body, hereby express our sense of the great loss our Church in the South has sustained in the death of these brethren, and, also, extend our sincere sympathy to their surviving friends.

4. The President calls attention to the bequest to this body of the residue of the estate of Capt. W. A. Barrier, to be used in the establishing of a Theological Seminary. A copy of the will of the late W. A. Barrier, and an Act of Incorporation of this body, procured through the efficiency of your former President, by the kind offices of Hon. H. A. Meetze, are now in our possession. The said Act of Incorporation is hereby accepted. The retiring President deserves the hearty thanks of this body for the prompt action he displayed in this matter.

5. In reference to the action of the former meeting of the United Synod, held at Wilmington, relative to a Theological Seminary for our Southern Church, all was done, we believe, by the proper authorities that lay in their power; but as this matter will come up for action at the proper time, no further notice is demanded at our hands.

6. In common, with the President, your Committee feel that the extension of our Home and Foreign Mission work are "reasons for thanksgiving to God and are full of encouragement."

7. The reference to an Orphanage in our bounds, a matter that appeals touchingly to the heart of every Christian philanthropist, is very properly laid before us; but as this, like the matter of the Seminary, will come up at this meeting for special action, no further notice is required here.

8. Your Committee heartily approve of the recommendation of the President concerning the interpretation of "the Confession" to be subscribed by the candidate for ordination and recommend its adoption.

J. I. MILLER.
G. W. HOLLAND.
J. A SNYDER,
I. FRANK PATTERSON.
J. BROOKS WINGARD.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South enters its solemn protest against the desecration of the Lord's Day by opening the Columbian Exposition on that day; and that the Secretary of this body be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Committee of the said Exposition.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to keep the funds of Synod on deposit in some good bank, to be selected by him in consultation with the President.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we thank the congregation of St. John's, Knoxville, Tenn., for their kind entertainment. We offer to this congregation our hearty congratulations on their successful efforts, and pray that God's blessing may rest upon them to the end. And we ask the President to communicate this resolution to the congregation, and especially to thank the choir for their excellent music and unwearying assistance.

On motion, the District Synods were requested to send up to this body reports on Home Missions, and an item providing for the calling for these reports was added to the Order of Business.

Rev. G. W. Holland, D. D., read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions report as follows:

1. It is source of devout gratification to God that the cause of Missions, Home and Foreign, as shown by the report of the Board of Missions, and by statements made before this body, has been successfully prosecuted since our last session.

2. Requests have come to us from individual members of the present Board of Missions for release from further service on said Board. Your Committee feel that it would be unwise and unsafe at this time to accede to these requests. The Board has been efficient and faithful in the discharge of their arduous and continuous duties, and merit the thanks which this Synod has already voted.

3. The following nomination for the Board of Missions is respectfully made: Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. E. A.

Wingard, Rev. H. S. Wingard, J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., H. A. Meetze, Esq., C. M. Efird, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HOLLAND.
L. G. M. MILLER.
C. B. KING.
J. L. GROSECLOSE.
C. ARMAND MILLER.
GEO. B. CROMER.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., read the following report, which was received and considered by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your Committee on Theological Seminary is deeply impressed with the conviction of the importance of such an institution within our territorial limits; and we are satisfied that the time has come in our history when decisive action should be taken, looking to the permanent location and establishment of such institution. To this end we recommend,

1. The establishment of a permanent Theological Seminary, at the earliest period practicable, within our bounds.

2. The adoption of the Constitution of the Seminary of the Southern General Synod, with such amendments as will suit the United Synod.

3. The adoption of the location of the provisional Seminary at Newberry, S. C.

4. That a Board of Directors of said Seminary be elected at the present session of the United Synod.

5. The election by the Board of Directors of such professor or professors as may be necessary for the successful prosecution of the work of the Seminary, and that said Board determine what salary such professor shall receive for his services.

6. That the Board be authorized to solicit and receive bids for the permanent location of said Seminary, to visit and examine if necessary any property offered for the purpose indicated, and report to this body at its next meeting.

7. That P. N. Heilig, Treasurer of the United Synod, be authorized to receive from the executor of the will of the late W. A. Barrier such funds as may arise from any funds or devises under his will to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, to be used in establishing a Theological Seminary, and that said Treasurer be authorized to receipt for the same in the name of the United Synod in the South, and shall pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

A. J. BROWN, Chairman.
J. G. SCHAID.
A. KOINER.
J. B. WINGARD.
C. G. HEILIG.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Rev. J. A. Sligh was excused from further attendance.

Rev. L. K. Probst, pastor *loci*, announced appointments for Sunday exercises.

Synod adjourned to the afternoon hour, and was led in prayer by Rev. L. E. Busby.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod met, and was led in prayer by Rev. J. G. Schaid. The calling of the roll and the reading of the Minutes of the previous session were dispensed with.

Synod resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary. Items 5, 6 and 7 were adopted, whereupon the report was adopted as a whole, and Revs. G. W. Holland, D. D., C. A. Rose and J. G. Schaid were appointed to nominate the members of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Seminary was directed to invest the Barrier fund as an endowment.

Rev. P. C. Wike read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

The institutions which have placed documents in our hands are the following: Staunton Female Seminary, Marion Female College, Von Bora College, Luray, Va., Newberry College.

The documents show these institutions are enjoying a fair degree of prosperity.

Staunton Female Seminary shows general progress, viz: more in attendance, an efficient teaching force, thorough work, a reduction of impending debts, improvements in grounds and buildings, excellent protection against disaster by fire, and encouraging prospects for the future.

Marion Female College reports five graduates for the last year, thorough work, and much good already done.

Von Bora College has just closed the most prosperous year of its history. Its future is bright.

Newberry College shows an attendance of ninety-eight students from different States, and six in the Theologieal Seminary.

There is a number of other Lutheran institutions of learning within the limits of this body, viz: Roanoke College, Trinity Female College, Wartburg Male and Female Seminary, Hawkins' Chapel Institute, in Virginia; North Carolina College, Mt. Amœna Female Seminary, Dallas College, Concordia College, Holly Grove Seminary, and Lenior College, in North Carolina. No report of these institutions is herewith submitted because no information has been furnished your committee.

Submitted,

P. C. WIKE.
J. B. GREINER.
J. S. ELMORE.
G. P. HODNETT.
GEO. E. RICHIE.

Rev. G. H. Cox read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

We, your Committee on Minutes of District Synods connected with this body, desire to present the following report:

We find nothing in the minutes of the District Synods demanding the action of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. COX.
L. E. BUSBY.
D. E. RIESSER.
A. D. HALTIWANGER.
J. J. SCHERER.

DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. G. W. Holland, D. D., Chairman of the Committee, presented the nomination of the following for election as members of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and they were thereupon elected by ballot:

REV. E. T. HORN, D. D.,
REV. R. C. HOLLAND, D. D.,
REV. W. C. SCHAEFFER,
REV. S. HENKEL, D. D.,
REV. C. A. MARKS,
REV. H. S. WINGARD.
H. A. MEETZE,
GEO. B. CROMER,
C. G. HEILIG,
H. S. TROUT,
A. KOINER,
A. D. HALTIWANGER.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure the offer from Winston-Salem of a site for the Theological Seminary, and that the offer be referred to the Directors of the Seminary.

PROPOSITION FROM MR. P. L. TERRY ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The following communication from Revs. Yonce and Painter and the offer from Mr. P. L. Terry, addressed to the President of Synod, were read by the Secretary and referred to the following Committee: Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. J. A. Snyder, Rev. J. B. Greiner, Geo. B. Cromer, Esq., and Hon. A. Koiner.

SALEM, VA., June 21, 1892.

To the President of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

The Board of Trustees of the Southview Orphan Home have received from Mr. P. L. Terry, of Roanoke, Va., to be transmitted to your body, the offer, on certain conditions, of a valuable property lying between this place and the city of Roanoke, to be used as an orphanage for the Lutheran Church in the South. In laying this offer before your body, we beg to urge a compliance with the conditions imposed by Mr. Terry, believing that they are in the interests of the highest efficiency and permanency of the Institution.

It is proper to say that the Board of the Southview Orphan Home have rented the property referred to, to which they expect to transfer their orphan work this fall; but they will surrender the property whevener the United Synod is ready to take possession of it under the terms of Mr. Terry's proposal, and will co-operate with the United Synod in establishing the large and permanent orphanage contemplated in the offer herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully,

WM. B. YONCE, *President of Board,*
F. V. N. PAINTER, *Secretary,*
} Committee.

ROANOKE, VA., June 20, 1892.

To the President of the United Synod of the Lutheran Church South:

DEAR SIR: I desire to make through you to the United Synod of the Lutheran Church South the following proposition:

I will give to the United Synod of the Lutheran Church South, to be used by it as an Orphan Home, subject to the provisions and conditions hereinafter mentioned, a certain tract of land situated about one mile from the city of Roanoke, and immediately on the projected boulevard

which is to connect the city of Roanoke and Salem. The said tract of land contains about seventeen (17) acres, more or less, and has on it a brick dwelling-house built in a good substantial manner and containing about eleven rooms. It has upon it all the necessary outbuildings and an orchard. The whole property cost me $15,000 in cash.

In addition to this tract of land and buildings, I propose also to give to the said United Synod of the Lutheran Church South for the same purpose, subject to the same provisos and conditions, the sum of $15,000 in money.

The above proposition is made on the following provisos and conditions:

1st. That the Southwest Virginia Synod raise $10,000 and the other Synods in the United Synod of the South raise $40,000 to be added to the property and money above proposed to be given by me.

2nd. A Finance Committee consisting of three persons, to be originally selected by me, shall have general supervision and control of all the funds, not only those proposed to be given by me, but those raised by the Synods aforesaid, and all sums hereafter to accrue or to come to the said Orphan Home from any source whatsoever. All investments of the funds belonging to the said Orphan Home, from whatsoever source derived, shall be made upon real estate security, and whenever any funds of the said Orphan Home are loaned upon real estate security no amount in excess of fifty per cent. of the value of said real estate shall ever be loaned upon such security; and all investments of the funds of said Orphan Home shall be made under rules and regulations to be hereafter determined by the said Finance Committee, together with the Board of Trustees of said Orphan Home and myself, or some one who may be hereafter appointed by me to act in my place.

3d. The said Finance Committee shall have full control of the $15,000 hereinbefore proposed to be given by me in money. Out of that sum, $5,000 shall be set apart by them for the purpose of making the necessary repairs to the house and grounds, and also for furnishing the said house, or so much of said sum of $5,000 as may be necessary for these purposes, and the balance, if any, of the said $5,000 is to be placed at interest and to be used when necessary for new buildings, repairs, furnishing of the house, etc. The remaining $10,000 proposed to be given by me is to be invested by the said Finance Committee upon real estate security as hereinbefore provided, and the proceeds arising from such investments is to be distributed as follows, viz:

Five-sixths of the said proceeds are to be paid over to the Trustees of the said Orphan Home to be used by them for current expenses, and the remaining one-sixth is to be reinvested and put at interest from year to year in the same manner as the principal sum of $10,000 shall be.

This proposition is made upon the distinct understanding that unless the Southwest Virginia Synod and the United Synod of the South believe

that the amounts required to be raised by them can certainly be raised within the period of two years, this proposition is considered as being rejected by them; but if they, in their judgment, think that the said amounts can certainly be raised within the said period of two years, then they are given that period to raise said sums of money.

4th. The property and money hereinbefore proposed to be given, is given upon the distinct understanding that in case the objects and purposes for which this donation is made, should at any time hereafter fail to be carried out, the said property is to revert to myself, or to my heirs or personal representatives. P. L. TERRY.

Synod adjourned to meet at 8 P. M. Prayer with Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8 P. M.

The Synod met and was led in prayer by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

The calling of the roll and the reading of the Minutes were dispensed with.

The Secretary was instructed to have printed and distributed 3,000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., read the following report, which was received, considered by items, and adopted, after which it was adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITION OF MR. TERRY.

The Synod has heard the proposition of Mr. P. L. Terry with great interest. The work he proposes is of great importance, and the Synod very much wishes to take advantage of his munificent offer.

The conditions which Mr. Terry has fixed he no doubt wishes this Synod to thoroughly consider. It would not be right to accept them unless we believe they can be fulfilled. In the latter part of the paper before us, it is said: "This proposition is made upon the distinct understanding that unless the Southwest Virginia Synod and the United Synod of the South believe that the amounts required to be raised by them can certainly be raised within the period of two years, this proposition is considered as being rejected by them." We are compelled to own that we do not believe that $40,000 can be raised by the United Synod for this purpose, on these conditions, within two years.

Yet we would not like Mr. Terry to consider this a rejection of his

offer, as he says he would. We wish for an orphanage, to which our people can contribute, and which they will love and contribute to more and more. And we appeal to our brother Terry, whose beneficence has encouraged us and awakens us to this duty and opportunity, to modify the conditions of his gift and assist us to develop the orphanage which owes so much to him.

We instance the following conditions which require modification: 1. The sum of $40,000 cannot be raised by us within two years, without injustice to the other large interests we have undertaken. 2. The United Synod should have a voice in the appointment of the committee of control.

On the other hand, the United Synod should have such control of her Orphans' Home that she could guarantee a thoroughly Lutheran training of the children in it; a training in the Gospel, by means of Luther's Catechism, and in the usages of the Lutheran Church; and also such a training as will make them in other respects useful citizens. Provision should be made that funds contributed by the Church for this purpose, in case of the failure to carry out the purpose for which they were given, should be disposed of properly.

We therefore advise the appointment of five judicious members of our Church, to confer with Mr. Terry, and secure, if possible, his gift on easier conditions. And this Committee shall be empowered, in conference and agreement with Mr. Terry, to carry out this project of the establishment, management and support of an orphanage, by such means as they shall find within their power and approved by their judgment.

The Synod directs that the offer of Mr. Terry be spread on the Minute with the letter of Dr. Yonce and Prof. Painter.

The Committee nominate as the committee herein provided: Revs. J. B. Greever, R. C. Holland, D. D., Maj. A. Koiner, Mr. H. S. Trout and Mr. T. J. Shickel.

EDWARD T. HORN.
J. A. SNYDER.
J. B. GREINER.
A. KOINER.
GEO. B. CROMER.

Geo. B. Cromer read the following report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes:

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board met this afternoon, June 25th, and organized by electing the following officers: Edward T. Horn, President; R. C. Holland, Vice-President; Henry S. Trout, Treasurer; Geo. B. Cromer, Secretary.

An Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of Edward T.

Horn, W. C. Schaeffer, H. S. Wingard, A. D. Haltiwanger and R. C. Holland.

Rev. A. G. Voigt was elected Professor in the Seminary, and a committee, composed of W. C. Schaeffer, Geo. B. Cromer and H. A. Meetze, was appointed to arrange with the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Synod for his support.

The Secretary was instructed to make proper acknowledgment of the communication and offer received from the Chamber of Commerce of Winston, in reference to the location of the Theological Seminary, and inform that body that the matter is held under consideration.

The matter of soliciting offers for a location for the Theological Seminary was referred to the Executive Committee.

GEO. B. CROMER,
Secretary.

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The material before the Committee consists of the minutes of the several Synods and the exhibits appearing in the reports presented at this Convention of the United Synod.

When we take into consideration the hindrances incident to the experimental state of our union, and the hesitation which is natural in the beginnings of united work, as well as other difficulties growing out of our geographical relation, we are moved to render devout thanksgiving to God for the evident tokens of His favor. His blessing, invoked in the organization of the United Synod, has been upon the Church during our brief history, and new hope is springing up throughout all our Synods; and as our union cements the more strongly the bonds of fellowship, we grow in love and respect for each other, and take increased pleasure in active co-operation in the general work of our United Synod. The sky is brightening over us, and the bow of promise and hope for our Southern Church arches our pathway forward. Thanks be unto the Great Head of the Church for the spirit of love and harmony which is clearly manifest in the deliberations and conclusions of this Fourth Convention of the United Synod. We have found this fellowship sweet and inspiring; and rejoice together as we find how nearly one we are in faith, hope and love. We are just ready to strike hands in joyous recognition of a common purpose to come up to the help of the Lord in the prosecution of the great work he has committed to us.

Our churches are growing in strength. Since we last met, two thousand five hundred souls measure the net gain in our membership. There has been progress toward unity in distinctive church life and polity.

Liberality is on the increase; our ministry are devoted, faithful and true; our congregations are developing into a greater appreciation of the Word and Sacraments of the Church; the festivals of the Church are of universal observance amongst us; and faithful catechisation of the young is more nearly universal than at any former period of her history.

The missionary spirit, both home and foreign, is greatly on the increase. Though yet in its beginning, this spirit is most certainly moving among our churches, as is evidenced by the mulitplying of Woman's Missionary Societies, the Sunday-school Missionary organizations and the monthly concert of missions in many of our congregations.

One of the most hopeful indications among our churches is the state of our Sunday-school work. The Sunday-school is the great home missionary work of the congregation—the most thoroughly organized and equipped of all the auxiliary agencies of the Church. Here our Church has exceptional possibilities; and this agency if well worked promises inestimable benefit in the near future, not only for those engaged therein, but for the great mission work of our Church.

We have much latent power in churches awaiting some master-hand to liberate it and set it to organized development. On this subject we recommend more careful attention on the part of pastors and church workers. We therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying paper referred to this Committee, and presented by Maj. A. Koiner:

WHEREAS, There appears a lack of the highest attainable efficiency in the working of the individual membership of the congregations, resulting in part from a lack of such thorough organization by appointments to special work as will develop the individual talents of each one and exert the full strength of their congregations in their local and individual work, the consequent strengthening of the efforts of the pastors and the support of the more general engagements of the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That the United Synod does respectfully recommend that the pastors and congregations provide for such a thorough organization of all the members as will impress each one with a full sense of his responsibility to God for the talents which he has received in the performance of his work in the Lord's vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND.
C. A. MARKS.
W. J. SMITH.
J. E. COOPER.
D. B. WHEELER.

On motion the thanks of the Synod were voted the Secretary for his efficient services and very courteous and affable intercourse with all its members.

The thanks of the Synod were likewise voted to the President.

An appropriation of five dollars was made to the sexton of the church in which the meeting was held.

An appropriation of twenty-five dollars was made to pay the Secretary for his work.

A vote of thanks to the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad was passed.

An amount sufficient to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes was passed.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at the time and place elected, and was closed in due form by the President.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Fourth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

A. L. CROUSE,
Secretary.

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ERRATA.

The matter on page 77 should follow page 75, and that on page 76 should precede page 78.

On page 2, the time and place of Next Convention should read as on page 79.

On page 47, 1st line, the date should be March 8.

PAROCHIAL.

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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT—REV. R. C. HOLLAND, D. D., CHARLESTON, S. C.
VICE-PRESIDENT—REV. L. G. M. MILLER, D. D., ROANOKE, VA.
SECRETARY—REV. M. G. G. SCHERER, CONCORD, N. C.
TREASURER—CHAS. H. DULS, ESQ., CHARLOTTE, N. C.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. C. Armand Miller, J. E. Cooper, Esq., Hon. H. S. Trout, and G. M. Beltzhoover, Esq.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time and place of next meeting left to the selection of the officers of Synod.

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The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met, in its fifth convention, in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Staunton, Va., Wednesday, September 18, 1895.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D D., from 1 Timothy 3: 15. The sermon was followed by preparatory services and Holy Communion.

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FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 11 O'CLOCK.

The Synod was formally opened by the acting President, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., according to the form in the Book of Worship.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. L. K. Probst was appointed temporary Secretary.

The roll of Synods was called and the following delegates-elect from the several District Synods were reported present, and their names were enrolled:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, C. A. Marks, B. S. Brown, J. Q. Wertz, Geo. H. Cox, and V. R. Stickley.

LAY—Messrs. J. D. Heilig, S. H. Hearne, J. A. Davidson, Jas. P. Cook, and C. H. Duls.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. E. T. Horn, D. D., L. E. Busby, J. H. Wilson, J. B. Fox, Ph. D., R. C. Holland, D. D., Geo. W. Holland, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., and A. G. Voigt, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. G. B. Cromer, J. C. Seegers, C. Ehrhardt, J. B. O'Neal Holloway, A. D. Haltiwanger, and Capt. J. W. Jenny.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. W. L. Darr and S. Henkel, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. D. C. Boland and Ambrose L. Henkel.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. C. H. Rockey, W. L. Seabrook, L. L. Smith, H. F. Shealy, J. A. Snyder, W. J. Smith, and A. A. J. Bushong.

LAY—Messrs. C. W. Heater, L. S. Walker, J. E. Cooper, M. Caughman, G. W. Koiner, C. C. Berry, and Samuel R. Hoover.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. J. Scherer, L. A. Fox, D. D., C. A. Miller, and W. Y. Cline.

LAY—Messrs. J. P. Gose, S. S. Castle, A. M. Bowman, and Maj. W. G. Repass.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. J. Austin and J. S. Elmore.

LAY—Messrs. M. L. Exley and D. E. Rieser.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

[Not Represented.]

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., acting President, read the following report, which was held for reference to committee:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your President, Rev. D. M. Moser, by letter of resignation dated December 9, 1892, devolved upon me as Vice-President the duties of the office of President of the United Synod. I unite with you in the general feeling of regret that Bro. Moser's removal from our bounds has deprived us of his valuable services and made necessary his resignation of the office of President of this body.

On the 21st day of August, 1892, our Treasurer, Col. P. N. Heilig departed this life. He was an active participant in the councils of our United Synod since its organization, and prominent in the work of our Southern church for many years. It is eminently proper, therefore, that this body should record its appreciation of his worth, as well as of its own loss in the removal of a faithful and competent officer.

It devolved upon the surviving officers to appoint a Treasurer to fill Col. Heilig's place; and thus C. H. Duls, Esq., of Charlotte, N. C., by letter of acceptance dated February 6, 1893, became our Treasurer, and has executed the duties of the office since that date.

The United Synod, whose origin in the Diet at Salisbury, and whose four several conventions since are closely associated with the name of Rev. Abel J. Brown, D. D., is called upon to make a special note of his death on the 17th day of July, 1894. To his wise counsels, his devotion to the cause of our larger union, his recognized purity of motive and sincerity in his advocacy of the principles represented by the United Synod, this body owes much, and it becomes us as his survivors to testify to our affectionate remembrance of his eminent services.

Another eminent servant of the Church South, Rev. Jacob Hawkins, D. D., died July 16, 1895, at his home in South Carolina. His name has been closely connected with the history of the United Synod, and he was a delegate elect to this its fifth convention. The absence of these bretheren from our councils will be noted with general regret, and should move us to a recognition of our increased responsibility.

By the grace of God we are permitted, after an interim of over three years, to meet again as a United Synod; and I congratulate you upon the auspicious opportunity now presented of strengthening the bonds of our union by a careful, zealous, and conscientious application of our best energies to carry forward the great work laid upon us by the Head of the Church. The call of the hour is to hearty co-operation. Fellowship in united en-

deavor to accomplish our mission as a general body, coupled with mutual confidence in each other's sincerity and fidelity, is the supreme call which comes to us in this fifth convention of this Synod. May the Lord direct us in all our deliberations, and granting us the presence of His Spirit, make this meeting a blessing to our entire Southern Church.

The mission work of the United Synod has been committed to the management of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and will be fully presented by that Board. You will be pleased to learn that in this department of our united efforts the Lord has blessed us beyond our most sanguine expectations. The officers of the board have been both laborious and faithful, and justly deserve the thanks of the Church.

Another subject of vast importance claiming our prayerful consideration is that of the Theological Seminary—its permanent location and more thorough equipment. The work of this institution since our last meeting will be presented by the Board of Directors, and the results thus presented will doubtless show potent reasons not only for the continuance of the Seminary, but for an increased interest and zeal in its behalf on the part of all our Synods.

The orphan work so auspiciously begun will claim your attention. A full report is expected from the authorities in charge.

Among the signs of the times of which we may properly take cognizance is the movement of our young people toward organization into associations, local and general, for work in the church. The movement is developing into a great force, and properly directed may result in great blessing to our churches. As there are two characteristic forms of development, that of the Luther League and that of the Christian Endeavor, it may not be inadvisable for this United Synod to attempt to so unify and harmonize such associations in our churches as that they may have a homogenious development in harmony with the doctrine and cultus of our Lutheran Christianity. The question which seems to confront us is, Shall the United Synod, now in the incipiency of the movement, give the word of encouragement and direction. and by way of wholesome suggestion lead our young people along the way of an evangelical and churchly method, or leave these associations to a possible heterogenious development of their own choice?

The overture for practical co-operation submitted by the General Synod to this body in connection with all other Lutheran bodies in America, together with certain conclusions reached at a conference of certain committees held in Philadelphia on the

18th of January, 1894, is submitted for your consideration; the same to be found in Exhibit marked O, herewith filed. It will devolve upon this convention to take some action in the premises.

It is well that we keep constantly in view the purposes and aims of the United Synod. Quoting from our Constitution we read as follows: "The object and aim of the United Synod shall be the outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Synods concerned; mutual strengthening in faith confession; unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith, and mutual co-operation in the promotion of the general interests of the Church." The action of this body in the past has been in no small degree influenced by this declared purpose. In harmony with the same this body accepted the Common Service adopted by a joint commission of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod; and issued the same in the form thus agreed upon. The United Synod points with satisfaction to her record on this subject, and notes with regret that the other two general bodies have not adhered with equal fidelity to the form submitted by said Commission. Yet persevering along the line of original purpose we will hold sacredly to the Common Service as the most promising medium for the attainment of the uniformity in worship for which we have hitherto labored. Holding the vantage ground already gained we cherish the hope that we may yet have a Common Book of Worship.

We may furthermore congratulate ourselves that we occupy a position confessionally which gives promise of being the ultimate basis of the larger union for which we strive. The doctrinal basis of a united Lutheran Church in this country will in all probability be the present basis of the United Synod. In the contemplation of the larger union for which we labor and pray, it would be manifestly unwise for us at this period of our history to modify our confessional status by either subtraction or addition. "Whereunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same things." Led by the Spirit of God into the existing bond of union, let us cement the same by a mutual confidence which shall supersede any need or desire for further tests of our sincerity or loyalty as members of the same household of faith; and may we prove by our happy union that a larger union is equally possible upon the same basis.

Using the liberty which the By-Laws seemed to allow, the officers of this body united in appointing Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D. D., to preach the Synodical Sermon of this Convention of the United Synod; which appointment he kindly accepted and has ably filled.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

REV. R. C. HOLLAND, D. D., *President.*
REV. L. G. M. MILLER, D. D., *Vice-President.*
REV. M. G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*
MR. C. H. DULS, *Treasurer.*

The hours for the sessions of the Synod were fixed as follows: From 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. Y. Cline.

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SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. J. Austin.

On motion the reading of Rules of Order was dispensed with.

The minutes of the last convention of the United Synod were referred to the proper committee.

On motion all visiting ministers of the Lutheran Church were invited to seats as advisory members. The following names were reported: Revs. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension; W. A. Lutz, J. A. Morehead, Paul Sieg, W. B. Oney, F. Kuegele, President of the English Synod of Missouri; W. R Brown, O. C. Willer, C. B. Miller, J. I Miller, D. D.; F. V. N. Painter, D. D.; D. P. T. Crickenberger, E. A. Shenk, J. E. Shenk, and R. B. Peery, Ph. D.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report, which was received for reference to the Auditing Committee:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SALISBURY, N. C., February 17, 1893.

P. N. HEILIG, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

1892.	DR.		
June —.	Received of Rev. T. S. Brown, Treasurer..	$5 07	
	Received of sundry parties, balance.....	221 67	
			$226 74
1892.	CR.		
Aug. 9.	Paid Henkel & Co	$46 68	
13.	Paid Rev. A. L. Crouse.....	26 00	
			72 68
	To balance in Treasurer's hands		154 06

CHARLOTTE, N. C., September 16, 1895.

C. H. DULS, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

1893.	DR.		
Feb. 17.	Received of executors Col. P. N. Heilig, per First National Bank, Salisbury....		$154 06
Mar. 23.	Received of J. Paul Stirewalt, Treasurer Ev. Lutheran Tenn. Synod, on printing minutes Convention of 1889.....	10 62	
	Same, for 1892.....	6 90	
			17 52
Apr. 3.	Received of W. J. Duffie, publisher, per Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., royalty on Book of Worship and Common Service..		60 32
			231 90
1893	CR.		
Feb. 17.	Paid Aull & Houseal on account printing minutes Fourth Convention United Synod.....	$154 06	
Apr. 17.	Paid Aull & Houseal balance bill for printing minutes.....	70 94	
			225 00
	To balance in Treasurer's hands.....		6 90

The following report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary Fund was submitted and held for reference to committee:

H. S. TROUT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

[Formerly located at Salem, Va.]

1892.		DR.	
June 1.	To balance due by Treasurer		$735 40
1893.			
Jan. 24.	To interest from Virginia Synod		120 00
1894.			
Feb. 19.	To interest one year on $2,000		120 00
Aug. 20.	To interest one year on $2,000		120 00
1895.			
Mar. 5.	To interest one year on $2,000		120 00
Sept. 1.	To interest on $735.40 from June 1, 1892, to September 1, 1895		106 34
	Interest on $120.00 from January 24, 1893 to September 1, 1895		18 60
	Interest on $120.00 from February 19, 1894, to September 1, 1895		10 80
	Interest on $120.00 from August 20, 1894, to September 1, 1895		7 25
	Interest on $120.00 from March 5, 1895, to September 1, 1895		3 60
			1 361 99
	To balance due by Treasurer		846 29
1893.		CR.	
July 3.	By Prof. A. G. Voigt		$144 00
Aug. 19.	Aull & Houseal		23 00
1894.			
June 27.	By Prof. A. G. Voigt		150 00
1895.			
July 5.	By Prof. A. G. Voigt		150 00
	Rev. H. S. Wingard		8 55
	Rev. G. W. Holland		6 40
Sept. 1.	Interest on $167.00 from July 3, 1893, to September 1, 1895		21 71
	Interest on $150.00 from June 27, 1894, to September 1, 1895		10 50
	Interest on $164.95 from July 5, 1895, to September 1, 1895		1 54
	Balance due by Treasurer		846 29
			1 361 99

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. C. H. Rockey, J. A. Snyder, J. Austin, and Mr. G. W. Koiner.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, and Messrs. S. H. Hearne and J. P. Gose.

3. *On District Synods.*—Revs. A A. J. Bushong and V. R. Stickley, and Mr. M. L. Exley.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. J. J. Scherer, J. S. Elmore, J. Q. Wertz, A. D. R. Hancher, Capt. J. W. Jenny, and Messrs. J. A. Wyse and D. C. Boland.

5. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Rev. H. F. Shealy and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary.*—Revs. B. S. Brown, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., M. M Kinard, Ph. D., W J. Smith, and Mr. J. D. Heilig

7. *On Literary Institutions.*—Revs, J. B. Fox, Ph D., C. Armand Miller, and Maj. W. G. Repass.

8. *On Missions.*—Revs, L. L. Smith, B. S. Brown, A. D. R. Hancher, J. S. Elmore, A. G. Voigt, D. D., W. L. Darr, W. Y. Cline, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and G. B. Cromer.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. L. S. Walker, J. B O'Neal Holloway, and D. E. Rieser.

10. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs, J. H. Wilson, C. A. Marks, A. G. Voigt, D. D., and Messrs. C. W. Heater, and M. Caughman.

11. *On Church Literature* —Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., and J. Q. Wertz, and Mr. A. D. Haltiwanger.

Also the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. *On Orphan Home.*—Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, G. W. Holland, D. D., and W. L. Seabrook.

2. *On Treasurer's Report of Theological Seminary Fund*—. Rev. J. S. Elmore and Messrs. C. C Berry, J. C. Seegers, and J. A. Davidson.

3. *On Overture on Co-operation.*—Revs. E. T. Horn,

D. D., C. H. Rockey and W. J. Smith, and Messrs. S. S Castle and A. M. Bowman.

The following report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read by Dr. Horn, and referred to committee:

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod beg to report that they have met at Newberry, June 13, 1893, June 18, 1895, and that the Executive Committee of the Board met there June 19, 1894.

At the first meeting, Prof. Voigt reported the attendance of seven students, three in the Middle and four in the Junior Class. It was ordered that 300 copies of the amended Constitution be printed and distributed. It also was ordered that the house rent of Prof. Voigt be paid from the Treasury.

At the second meeting (Ex. Com.) a diploma was granted to V. G. Boozer, and certificates in a special course to N. D. Bodie and H. W. Jeffcoat. It was ordered that hereafter written examinations in all studies on papers prepared by the Professor be required of all students during the third week of May of each year. That these papers be submitted to the Executive Committee, and that certificates be granted to those who successfully pass the examination, but that diplomas of graduation be given only to those who pass a satisfactory examination in all the courses. It was ordered that hereafter the expenses of members of the committee attending the meetings be paid from the Treasury.

At the third meeting seven students were reported, three in the Senior Class, and four irregularly in the Junior. Rev. N. D. Bodie had read a special course; George S. Bearden, Henry A. McCullough, James D. Rikard, Rev. N. D. Bodie were graduated. An offer for the future location of the Seminary, from Winston, N. C., was read. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Board recommend to the United Synod at its approaching meeting:

1. That it request the North Carolina Synod, the Virginia Synod, and the Southwest Virginia Synod to nominate and support a professor in the Theological Seminary; that it request the Tennessee and Holston Synods to nominate and support another professor; and that it request the Georgia Synod and the Mississippi Synod to unite with the North Carolina Synod in the sup-

port of the present professor: and that the salary in each instance be fixed by the Synods making the nomination.

2. That Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. retain the chair of Systematic Theology.

3. That for the present, and until further action of Synod, the Seminary be supported at Newberry, S. C.

4. That the citizens of Newberry be requested to make an offer of grounds and buildings for the Seminary.

The President was authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for house rent of Prof. Voigt, from year to year, for not more than $150 a year.

We note with great satisfaction that Roanoke College, at its recent commencement, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on one professor of Theology.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HORN,
Chairman of the Board.

Dr. Horn, President of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, read the following report, which was received and referred to committee:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

JUNE 1892–SEPTEMBER 15, 1895.

Herewith is presented a narrative of the Board's proceedings since the meeting of the United Synod in Knoxville in June, 1892, at which meeting the following persons were re-elected a Board of Missions and Church Extension: Revs. Drs. Edward T. Horn, E. A. Wingard, H. S. Wingard, R. C. Holland, and Messrs. H. A. Meetze, J. D. Capplemann and C. M. Efird, Esqrs. At a special meeting of the Board, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, the Rev. L. K. Probst was re-elected General Secretary, at his former salary of $1,200 a year, with the understanding that his headquarters were to be removed to Atlanta, Ga., and that the salary paid by the congregation to be organized at that place should be turned into the Board's treasury to offset a part of his salary.

At the first regular meeting of the Board a formal organization was effected by the election of Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn President, J. D. Capplemann Treasurer, and Rev. L. K. Probst Secretary. After a few months, owing to the fact that Mr. Capplemann found it impossible to act longer as Treasurer, the Board elected Mr.

R. G. Chisolm Treasurer, and he has acceptably and gratuitously filled this position up to this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SYNOD.

The United Synod, having approved all previous acts of this Board, made the following recommendations for the future:

1. We recommend that the Board be instructed to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod $6,000 per annum for the work of Home Missions.

2. We recommend that the Board be instructed to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod $4,500 for Foreign Missions.

In obedience to these directions the Board has repeatedly and regularly notified the several Synods, and the pastors of the congregations of all the Synods, how much would be expected from each of them in order to make up this total amount. The success that has attended our efforts will be shown by our financial report.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

In compliance with the direction of the Board the General Secretary changed his headquarters to Atlanta, Ga., where he organized and has regularly served a congregation since November of 1892. In addition, he has visited all the District Synods and Women's Conventions annually, and he has also continued to visit and to exercise general oversight of the work of the churches at Knoxville, Richmond, Norfolk, Winston, Asheville, Augusta, Bristol, Morristown and adjacent points. In connection with the President of the Board he has carried on the correspondence incident to the Home and Foreign work, and he has also attended and kept a record of all Board meetings, and furnished information for publication.

The Women's Missionary Societies have continued very active and useful, and their number has increased in all the Synods. We appreciatively recognize the cordial co-operation which continues between these Societies and our Board.

In South Carolina there are at present belonging to the State Convention about 21 Societies, with 625 members, who during 1894 contributed for Home and Foreign Missions about $600—all of this being paid into the Board's treasury.

In the 28 Societies belonging to the Convention of the Southwest Virginia Synod, there are about 500 members, and at their convention in August, 1895, they reported about $1,000 raised for Missions. A large part of this was spent in their own territory, in the completion of the church at Radford, and in the prosecu-

tion of work in the coal-field districts of their State. During the next year they propose again to raise at least $1,000, and $325 of this amount are pledged to this Board for Home Missions and $325 for Foreign Missions.

The North Carolina Convention, with 27 Societies and 675 active members, reported at their 10th Convention in August, 1895, that $1,063.30 had been raised for missions during the year —all of which was paid to this Board. Encouraged by past success this Convention has resolved to try to raise $1,100 during the next year.

During the past year a Synodical Convention was organized in the Holston Synod, but we have not yet received statistics showing what has been done by their Societies.

There are a number of active and liberal Congregational Societies in the Virginia Synod, and at its last meeting, in August of this year, the Synod's endorsement was secured looking to the organization of a Synodical Convention.

The Georgia Synod has Women's Societies in several of its congregations, but as yet has no Synodical Convention.

The Women's Conventions propose hereafter to fill one page each month in the church papers with matter relative to the work of their Societies.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

Work among the children in the interest of missions has also been pressed, and many congregations have organized children's missionary societies. The Board has continued to furnish certificates of membership and constitutions for these societies. We ask this Synod to recommend—*That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-Schools of the United Synod as a missionary Sunday, and that on that day the children be specially addressed on the subject of missions and collections be taken for this object.*

SPECIAL SUNDAYS FOR CONGREGATIONAL MISSION COLLECTIONS.

Special attention has regularly been directed to the two Sundays designated by the United Synod for missionary collections, viz: *Whit-Sunday and the second Sunday in November*, and envelopes have been furnished by the Board to all schools and congregations desiring to use them for such special collections. Believing that systematic attention on the part of our congregations to this matter will largely increase the receipts of our treas-

ury, we ask that this Synod urge the churches to continue to use these days for the purpose indicated.

THE MISSION NEWS.

In obedience to the direction of the Board an effort was made to make the *Mission News* self-sustaining. Finding, however, that it was difficult or impossible to do this, the publication was stopped in April of 1894, when an arrangement was made with the church papers to publish items of mission news in their columns.

On our Home and Foreign work we offer the following details:

HOME MISSIONS.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Immediately after the last meeting of the United Synod the congregation at Knoxville resolved to be a self-sustaining church, but asked the advice of the Board in selecting a pastor. At first a temporary supply was secured, but finally the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher was permanently elected. This young congregation has not only supported its own pastor since June of 1892, but it has become one of the most liberal and influential congregations of the Holston Synod. There are now 95 enrolled members and 95 in its Sunday-school.

AUGUSTA, GA.

The Board has continued to aid the Augusta mission church, paying at present $15 a month on the salary. The South Carolina Synod also pays $325 to this mission each year. During the past year an earnest but unsuccessful effort was made to wipe out the debt, which was, however, reduced to $1,000. The Rev. S. T. Hallman has continued to faithfully serve this mission, and barring the existence of the debt, the affairs of the congregation are in good condition. The membership is now 116, with 92 in the Sunday-school.

The church property is valued at $12,500.

FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND.

Rev. J. C. Seegers acceptably served the First Church in Richmond until July, 1894. Upon his resignation the Rev. J. A. Morehead was elected pastor at a salary of $900, the congregation paying $50 a month of this amount. The internal affairs of the congregation are at present in a very satisfactory condition, the active membership now being 153, with 139 in the Sunday school. The debt on the congregation is still $4,800, besides the

claim of $2,500 held by the Virginia Synod and a $1,000 note held by this Board. No satisfactory chance for a sale of the property has offered. The plan of the Board is still as declared at the last meeting of this Synod, to sell, if possible the entire property and pay off the debts of the congregation, and with the balance of the money buy a lot and build a church in another location.

TRINITY, RICHMOND.

The Second church at Richmond having been taken off the hands of the Southwest Virginia Synod, on the conditions reported at the last meeting of this Synod, the Board continued to supplement the salary of Rev. H. M. Petrea until he resigned in 1893. After his resignation the pastor of the First church was directed to give one service a day to Trinity, with the understanding that at least $10 a month should be paid by them on salary. This arrangement has obviated the necessity of keeping two pastors in Richmond, but it has not been satisfactory to the missionary or to either congregation, and some other plan must soon be adopted.

WINSTON, N. C.

The Board has retained control of this mission, supplementing the salary of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Lutz, to the extent of $58 a month untill January 1st, when this payment was reduced to $50 a month. The congregation now numbers 116 members, with 100 in the Sunday-school, and pays $25 a month on the sala,y. Soon after the last meeting of the United Synod a most eligibly located lot was bought by the Board for this mission for $2,000 and in addition the Board agreed to put another $2,000 into the church, the congregation also pledging itself to put not less than $4,000 into the building. The Board has paid $3,000 of its entire obligation to this point, and is, therefore, pledged for $1,000, which, however, has been borrowed in order that the work might be completed. The Winston congregation has also been allowed to borrow $1,000 of its pledge. The church has been built and dedicated, and is now being used by the congregation.

The church, which is Gothic in structure, stands on a lot 50x100, and has an average size of 48x72 feet. It is built of granite and hand-made brick, with slate roof. On the interior it is handsomely finished and furnished, and cost complete with the furniture, exclusive of lot, $8,700. There is no debt on this mission except the $1,000 still owed by the Board, and $1,400

owed by the congregation—this latter amount, however, being covered by good subscriptions and pledges.

NORFOLK, VA.

In the summer of 1893 the Board decided to begin work at Norfolk, and the Rev. J. H. Kohn was sent there as missionary. He resigned after eight months' service, and Rev. J. E. Shenk was then called and entered on the work April 1st, 1894. The Board paid for a few months $50 a month on the salary, but this amount has now been reduced to $30 a month. The congregation now numbers 70, with 60 in the Sunday-school, and pays monthly about $30 on salary.

In August, 1894, the Virginia Synod, being convinced of the encouraging outlook at Norfolk, proposed that if the Board would give the mission at that point a church building at once, they would pay $2,500 in addition to their regular apportionment into the Board's treasury—this amount to be paid in three annual installments. This generous proposition was accepted by the Board, and after some negotiation a church was bought in the city of Norfolk from the Northern Methodists for $4,500, of which amount the Board is to pay $3,000, the congregation agreeing to pay the balance, and also to improve the property at an expense of about $1,500. To carry out this arangement the Board will borrow $2,500, which loan is to be paid back as fast as the extra pledge of the Virginia Synod comes into our treasury.

It gives us pleasure to state that the gentleman who loaned this $2,500 for Norfolk donated the first year's interest, amounting to $150, to the congregation in Atlanta to assist in the purchase of a lot for the mission church in that city. It is at his own request that his name is withheld.

ATLANTA, GA.

On the removal of the Secretary to Atlanta in the fall of 1892 a congregation was organized which has grown to 75 in membership, with 35 in the Sunday-school. The congregation has regularly paid $20 on the salary. Commendable progress having been made in the development of this work, the congregation has been encouraged to purchase a lot in order that the Board may erect a suitable church thereon.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

In May, 1894, Asheville, N. C., was referred to this Board by the North Carolina Synod, with the request that we look after

their interests at that point, where a congregation had been regularly organized but never supplied with a regular pastor. Investigation proving that further work would be justified, Rev. L. E. Busby was secured as missionary, the salary being for the first three months $50 from the Board and $25 from the congregation each month—the amount paid by the Board to be reduced to $40 after the first three months, and thereafter the Board to get the benefit of any increase in the payment of the congregation. This work has been vigorously pushed by Rev. Mr. Busby, and the congregation now numbers 43, with 36 in the Sunday-school. A fund for the purchase of a lot is being collected, and the people are very anxious that the Board provide them with a church at an early day.

BRISTOL, MORRISTOWN, GREENVILLE AND JOHNSON CITY.

The policy of the Board, as outlined at the meeting in Knoxville, for the employment of two missionaries for these points, was not immediately carried out, Rev. J. L. Murphy being retained as missionary for the whole circuit for a time. Upon his resignation it was decided, after full consultation with the Holston Synod, that the territory of this mission field should be divided—putting Bristol into a charge with two country churches, thus leaving Morristown, Greenville and Johnson City to constitute another charge. After considerable delay the Rev. J. C. Barb was secured as pastor of the last named points, and he has faithfully served this work since the spring of 1895. The Board supplements his salary to the extent of $25 a month. The membership of each congregation is growing under his care, and a church building is being erected at Greenville, and another will soon be begun at Johnson City.

OUR HOME MISSIONARIES.

As shown above there are at present six home missionaries, besides the General Secretary, employed by the Board. Their salaries are set and paid by the Board, and the contributions to their salaries from the congregations are paid into the treasury of the Board. The missionaries have been diligent and efficient and have promptly and regularly furnished full monthly statements of their work. We are glad that men of such experience and ability have been secured for these important home mission stations.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSIONS.

	MEMBERS.		Value of Property	DEBT.		MONTHLY SALARY.	
	Cong.	S.S.		Cong.	Board.	Cong.	B'rd.
Knoxville	95	95	10,000.00				
Augusta	116	90	12,500.00	$1,000.00		$45.50	$15.00
Richmond	153	132	15,000.00	7,300.00		50.00	25.00
Trinity, Richmond	30	72	1,500.00	800.00		10.00	
Winston	116	100	12,000.00	1,400.00	$1,000.00	25.00	50.00
Norfolk	70	60	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	30.00	30.00
Atlanta	75	35				20.00	
Asheville	43	36				25.00	40.00
Bristol	16						
Greenville	24		2,000.00			36.66	25.00
Johnson City	22						
Morristown	33	48	2,000.00	800.00			
	793	668	59,500.00	12,800.00	4,000.00	242.16	185.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our last report closed with the statement that Rev. J. A B. Scherer, our first missionary, was at Tokyo, studying the Japanese language, and that a second, Rev. R. B. Peery, had been chosen, and if ordained by the Virginia Synod during the summer of 1892 would be sent out. In this report we outlined the interesting story of the *actual beginning of our Mission*, a story which the letters of our missionaries have made familiar to you all, but which must be here put into a permanent record.

In August, 1892. Mr. Scherer asked permission to visit the island of Cyushyu, especially the town of Ogi, near Saga, to which his attention had been drawn by Dr. Bradbury, of the M. P. Ch., then employed in the school at Saga. He reached Saga November 9th. This "is a large, handsome city, with 25,000 inhabitants," with good railroad communications. "The Christian work done in Saga consists in work done by Roman Catholics, the Northern Am. Meth., the Church of England and the United Church, Dutch Reformed. The work is done by natives, and there were not more than 50 Christians in the city. There had never been a foreign missionary there as a resident."

The very day that Mr. Scherer arrived at Saga Dr. Bradbury received a call from his church to remove to Kobe. He offered if Mr. Scherer would fill his unexpired contract in the school, to recommend him for the place, and to turn over to him his

house and "the entire control of the results of his Christian teaching."

Of the house he says: "It is really a large house, thoroughly renovated by B. It is a model of convenience. He uses only half of it, and then has enough room for a family as large as your own. The other half of it was so arranged as to be divided into three large rooms, or converted into one large hall. The location is excellent. The rent is six yen."

Mr. Scherer was strongly advised by Rev. Mr. Oltmans, of the Dutch Reformed mission, to settle at Saga instead of Ogi.

The salary offered in the school was 80 yen a month. An official position in the school also insured a passport.

Mr. Scherer was directed to accept the offer, and the beginning of 1893 found him settled in the school at Saga. He began his work there on the anniversary of his departure from America. Besides his labors as a teacher of English, he was able to organize two Bible classes, one among the pupils and the other among the teachers. Mr. Scherer was allowed to deduct from the salary paid him at the school 25 yen a month for necessary expenses incidental to that work, and the balance is paid into the treasury of the mission, subject to the order of the Board. But after August, 1893, he declined to do so, and paid over the full amount of his salary, which, after March, 1894, became 40 yen a month, upon the renewal of the contract with modifications which left him with more time for his especial work and fewer duties in the school. We are satisfied that by his connection with the school many advantages have been secured for our mission, and indulge the hope that a permanent impression will be made by our missionary on more than one of the young men with whom he is brought so closely in contact.

Mr. Peery set sail from San Francisco and joined Mr. Scherer in Tokyo in November, 1892. February 12, 1893, Mr. Scherer reports that with Mr. Peery's entire concurrence, Yamanouchi San, formerly an Elder of the Comberland Presbyterian Church, had been engaged as a native helper, at a salary of 25 yen a month, and his wife as "Bible woman," at a salary of six yen a month.

In the spring of 1893 Mr. Peery joined Mr. Scherer at Saga. And the same letter reports the beginning of a translation of the Catechism into Japanese. March 26, 1893, the first convert, Sheinizu Tokumatsu, was baptized. A "preaching place" in Saga was rented and simply furnished, and regular services were begun by Yamanouchi San in the presence and under the direction of the missionaries. At the request of the people living

there, Wakatsu, a considerable town five miles from Saga, where no regular Christian work had been carried on, was visited and a few Christians found, and regular services were begun. Mr. Peery proved to be a very diligent student and a zealous missionary, and in a very short time endeavored to preach in Japanese. Mr. Sherer was slower to make the attempt, but has at length succeeded, though most of the work has to be done through natives. The Catechism was published and is largely used, and Mr. Peery has completed, with the help of competent scholars, a translation of our Service and the Orders of Ministerial Acts, with necessary explanations of their meaning, which is now undergoing a further revision before final publication.

In the course of time a preaching place was rented and work was begun at a village called Ienakizu, which has since been given up. Later, a preaching place has been begun at Ogi, and a second station at Saga; where for awhile an earlier station had been closed because of persecution. The gratifying intelligence has been received that our Christian community at Saga has established another preaching place in that city.

A journey of exploration towards the important city of Kurume has been made, and it is the intention of the Board to push our work in that direction. May 1, Suzuki San, a graduate of a Presbyterian school at Tokyo, was engaged as our second native helper, at a salary of fourteen yen a month.

July, 1894, Mr. Sherer was married, with consent of the Board, to Miss Bessie Brown, daughter of a Presbyterian pastor in Ohio, and a teacher in the Presbyterian mission at Yamaguchi. May 15, 1895, a daughter was born to them at Saga.

In the summer of 1894 Mr. Peery informed us that he was engaged to marry, and asked the good offices of the Board to induce the parents of the young lady to whom he was engaged to marry to let her come out to him. This the parents were not willing to do. Thereupon he asked permission to return to this country during the present summer at his own expense and take his wife back at the expense of the Board. There were reasons why the Board thought it questionable whether Mr. Peery's health and temperament were entirely suited to his work and for this reason, as well as because of their inability to bear the additional expense, an answer to his request was postponed until the spring, and he was advised meanwhile to consider whether his condition of health was such as to encourage his permanent residence abroad. When spring came the President of the Board returned the following answer to his request (*extracted from*

a much fuller letter): "We advise you to postpone your return to America for at least one year. If it were possible for me to talk the matter over with you, I could set before you the reasons which led to this decision much more gently than by writing them. But as so long a time necessarily intervenes between our communications with each other, I feel it necessary to go into a somewhat extended statement of these reasons. In the first place you will observe that the Board has entered into no engagement to send out a wife to any of our missionaries, and however they may desire to do this, and may consider it advisable either for the sake of the missionary or the mission, the Board will have to be governed in any case by the condition of its own treasury and the needs of the mission itself. I think you do quite realize the amount of expenses which assent to your proposition would involve. Although you propose to come back to this country at your own expense, if you were to remain in this country in our service, it would involve your traveling expenses while here; (2) the traveling expenses of your wife and self on your return; (3) the furniture of another residence; (4) the annual rental of another house; and (5) the increase of annual salary. That is to say, that your request is that the Board shall now engage within the next six months to incur an additional expense of probably no less than $1,000. I am sorry to say that we are utterly unable to do this. It is not only that we hesitate about undertaking permanent expenses in addition to that which we have already undertaken, in the face of the near expiration of our term of office, and feel that all such arrangements should be left to our successors, but we have not the money in hand, nor know whither to turn for it, and have good reason to believe that to undertake this additional expense for this purpose would not meet with the approval of the ministry and the churches.

* * Holding as we do that we have no right to incur expenses as a church or a church board, in the expectation that God will supply the means, unless in obedience to an unmistakable call of God, it is my opinion that there is no course open to us but to say that we cannot afford it. It does not seem to me that three years is too long a time to ask a missionary to remian in the foreign field before revisiting his native country for any reason whatever. I believe that the general opinion of the church will agree with us that a quicker return will be an unjustifiable expenditure of money."

In reply to this, Mr. Peery announced his intention to break the contract he had made with the Board, and return to this country. As in this letter he said that he would be without

money when he reached his home, and it appeared right that he should be allowed to make his own explanations to the Board, and he had left us no opportunity to communicate with him before he would leave Japan, he was directed to report to us as soon as he reached this country, on the mission and on the reasons which he alleged required his return. Three months' notice was given that on September 1st the Board would no longer feel bound to continue his salary.

The Board met at Columbia, S. C., July 24, 1895, all the members being present. Mr. Peery was introduced, asked to make any statement he pleased, and questioned with regard to the mission, and to the reasons for his return. The following was the unanimous conclusion of the Board:

"We place upon record our disapproval of Mr. Peery's action in returning to this country in opposition to the instructions of the Board. Inasmuch as by his action he has broken his contract with our Board, we hereby approve of the action of our Chairman in notifying him that his salary will cease on September 1st, but we refer the question of his continuance in the Japan mission to the new Board to be elected at the approaching Convention of the United Synod."

We are informed that Mr. Peery was married August 21st.

We append the following report which, at our request Mr. Peery prepared, because of its interesting description of our mission, and as a fair specimen of the work he has done while in our employment.

THE LUTHERAN MISSION IN JAPAN.

The empire of Japan is composed of four large islands and hnndreds of smaller ones lying in the neighboring seas. Our mission is located on the second largest island of the group called Kyushu. It occupies the most southernly position, and is consequently warmer and more tropical than the main portion of the empire. The whole island is about as large as the state of Virginia. The climate is mild and damp. In the winter season it is chilly and wet, but not really cold. Snow falls in very small quantities occasionally, but does not lie on the ground more than a few hours at the longest. The autumn season is delightful. Spring is perhaps the hardest season on foreigners; as it is the rainy season, and the atmosphere is very damp and oppressive. With the coming of the warm season there is a feeling of lassitude and depression that seems to take all the life out of one. The summer is very hot, and little work is attempted at that season.

Our mission has its headquarters in the old city of Saga, in the province of Hizen. The city is situated in the midst of a huge rich plain, in which some of the best rice in Japan is grown. It is consequently very low and damp—almost swampy. The plain itself is perfectly level, not a hill or rolling prairie breaks its continuity. But ten miles away to the west there is a beautiful range of mountains, which, while not especially high, are extensive, and furnish plenty of fresh pure air for the plains. On the east of us is an arm of the sea—Shimabara gulf. There is a native shipping port just four miles from our city to which large native steamers come each day. In addition to these boats we have the Kyushu railway running through our town and giving direct connection with the outside world. Good trains leave our city, going both north and south, about every two hours. Our means of transportation and communication with the outer world are good.

The city of Saga itself is large and roomy. All the old castle towns of Japan were built with a large open space in the centre, which was the castle grounds, and in the centre of which the castle was situated. The city then was built around this, and there was this large open space left in the centre, as it were the lungs of the city. Its population is about forty thousand. In former days it was a much more important city than it is at the present. With the fall of feudal Japan Saga's glory departed, and under the new regime she has not prospered as she did in former days. She has played a very important part in the history of the country. From the beginning she has furnished the nation some of her strongest men, and the city is proud of her history. It is a very clannish place. Sagamen generally want to live and die in Saga, and if people come in from the outside they have a hard time trying to gain social or business position. It is one of the most conservative cities in the whole empire. There is no place that holds on to the old system with more pertinacity and devotion. This extreme conservatism makes the work of evangelization hard. The chief business of Saga is exchanging the rice which grows in such quantities in the surrounding plains. Our rice is famous and is much sought after in the markets. Our rice exchange corresponds to the American stock exchange. Besides the rice, the usual lines of business found in a city of that size are carried on there; but Saga is not considered a good city for the business man. Our city is quite an educational centre. First there is the Chu Gakko, or Middle School, that corresponds with the American academy. It has about five hundred young men in attendance yearly. It has recently erected fine

new buildings, and is a well equipped school. The faculty is large and competent. Mr Sherer has taught English in this school ever since he went to Saga. The students are drawn from the whole province. Besides this school there is a large Normal School which admits only those who expect to become teachers. The attendance is about seventy-five. Then there is a good military school for young men. There is also a higher school for young ladies that has a goodly number of students. Below all of these there are two grades of primary schools, all well equippid and managed, and all the children of the city attend them. Japanese law requires that all children be in school up to a certain age. It is proper that I should mention the Christian work that is in the city, besides our own. The Dutch Reformed mission has had a church there for thirty years, and one of their evangelists has lived there continually. They had never had a foreign missionary there before we went there, but since our going they have sent a family there also. Their work is not prospering. It was in a better condition twenty years ago than it is now. The English church has also had an evangelist there for many years, and it has probably one dozen members. Its work has long been at a standstill. The Methodists have a chapel in the city, and three or four members. The ubiquitous Catholics also have a chapel there, very near ours, and claim a very large following: but we do not know what they have.

Our mission went into this city in January, 1893. As you know, its force is quite small—containing only three foreign workers and three natives. With Rev. Sherer and myself you are well acquainted. Mrs. Sherer is a valuable addition to our working force. Her knowledge of the language is very good, and she uses it well. She is most earnest and zealous and although she has been in our city only a little while she has made many acquantances, and has a good influence.

We have already told you many things of our first helper, Mr. Yamanouchi. I do not see how we could have gotten a man better adapted to our wants than he. He is in middle life, strong and active, and is one of the most earnest and hardworking Japanese pastors I know. Although he has never had a systematic course in theology he has a good knowledge of its fundamental truths, is well acquainted with his Bible, and is a thoroughly sound evangelical man. We prize him more and more as we come to know him better. His wife is our Bible woman. She is much younger than her husband, and is quite earnest and energetic. She has no children, so she can devote all her time to our work. Her work is very hard as the Saga women have never

yet known much of Christianity or been accustomed to attend to such things. A good work ought to be done among the girls and women of our city finally by patience and perseverance; but our work so far in this line has not been very satisfactory.

The past spring we secured the services of another helper—Mr. Suzuki. He is a young single man about thirty years of age. He had just completed the three years course in theology in the large Presbyterian school in Tokyo, and is well prepared for his work. Of course the fact that he has been trained in a Presbyterian school is not very satisfactory in some respects. We would prefer men of Lutheran training, but they are not to be had. If we have any helpers at all we must use men trained in other schools. Mr. Suzuki is a man of consecration and zeal, and of sound evangelical faith, and he is doing a good work for us.

We were very fortunate in the location of our first chapel. The house we rented was old and dilapidated, but its location was excellent. Just as in the mercantile world the location has much to do with the success of the enterprise, so in mission work the location is an important matter. For, at first we reached only those people in the neighborhood, and those who are passing by. We fixed up our house until we have a tolerably good looking place now, and everyone speaks of it as being the best located chapel in the city. We have the following services each week: Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Sunday-school, at 10, morning service, intended primarily for Christians, but anyone is welcome to attend; Sunday afternoon at 4, catechetical class. On Thursday evening we have an evangelistic service calculated to reach unbelievers. The attendance at this service is usually good, and recently it has been unusually good. Heretofore most of the people have hesitated about coming into the house and sitting down. but have simply stood on the streetside and listened. But lately large numbers have come into the house and sat down, staying until the conclusion of the service. The average attendance at the service is about fifty, but often much larger. At our morning service the ordinary attendance is about fifteen, but that is much better than any other chapel in the city. The attendane at Sunday-school is confined almost exclusively to the children of the Christians, and is quite small. One very encouraging feature about our school is that most of the grown people attend as regularly as the children and take much interest in the lessons. Some of the most interesting fruitful work I have done in Japan is teaching a Bible class in this school, composed of grown men and women. They study the scriptures very closely and have very intelligent notions about

them. Our present communicant membership in the city of Saga is twelve. One has died from our flock there, and one has removed to Yokohama.

Our second chapel in Saga is also excellently located in a part of the city about one mile from the first chapel. It is not so good a place to catch crowds of people but is more isolated in its location. Only those will come there who have a real interest in the truth there taught. The chief advantage we hope to derive from this chapel is that it is a place where inquirers can come in that part of the city to have long private talks with Christian ministers, undisturbed. We have a preaching service there each Monday evening, but the attendance is small. On Sunday afternoon we have a little Sunday-school there also.

We have had work in Wakatsu almost as long as in Saga itself. At first it was the most promising of all our work. We baptised ten or twelve persons there and hoped to have a church there right soon; but all of them removed to other fields, and we have only two faithful members left there now. The class of people that one generally reaches in Japan is the migratory class. It is very seldom that a man becomes a Christian in the place in which he was brought up. The reason for this is that the opposition of family and kindred is too great at home for a man to take such a step; but when he gets among new geople he does not care so much. The people we reached in Wakatsu were of this migratory class. Three of them were telegraph operators, and were ordered elsewhere by the government. All operators in Japan are government employees and are liable to be sent elsewhere at any time. At present we hold two services per week in Wakatsu: one on Sunday morning for the Christians, and those specially interested, and one Saturday night for unbelievers. The latter service is well attended. This is one of the most pleasant chapels we have. The building is new and nice, the people are generally well behaved, and most important of all one can rely upon having an audience there. This is only at the open meeting though—at the Sunday morning meeting the attendance is exceedingly small. I think Wakatsu is a fairly good place to reach people with the Gospel, but they are not permanent dwellers there; and the prospect for building up a church there is quite dark.

We also have regular weekly services in a town called Ogi, about eight miles from Saga. This town is beautifully located at the base of an immense mountain, and is probably the healthiest place in our plain. Its population is rural and numbers about three thousand souls. Our preaching place there is well

located, but almost no interest is taken in our services, and we have no hold whatever there.

We have recently begun work in a town called Kubota just midway between Saga and Ogi. There are about two thousand people in this town, most of them poor farmers. We have one service each week there, but little interest has been manifested as yet. As a general thing I think the work in the towns less promising than in the cities. The material to work on seems to be much poorer, and the people are so ignorant. It seems to me that their material condition will have to be better before they will become earnest Christians.

We have several other places in mind where we hope to begin work as soon as a favorable opportunity presents itself. I tried to rent a chapel in a place in the neighberhood of Saga called Kanzaki recently, but failed completely. I hope we may yet get in there. It was very hard to gain admission to these conservative old towns. One of our men who was formerly a telegraph operator at Wakatsu is now a telegraph operator in the growing young port of Moji, and he has a class of Bible students whom he instructs regularly, and we hope by his influence to get a hold in that city soon. But this place is so far away that it would necessitate our putting an evangelist there exclusively for that work, and we have not the man.

The above is an accurate account of the external condition of our mission; I will also try to give you some idea of its internal condition. Mission work has its full share of disappointments and trials. Men with whom we have labored and for whom we have prayed for months often grievously disappoint us. One is liable to be imposed upon by the wily heathen in many ways, and there is a certain kind of knowledge which can only be learned by experience. In our inexperienced period it was to be expected that we would make mistakes, and I freely confess that we did. We endeavored to use every care and precaution; but after developments showed that we had been premature in admitting to membership certain parties. Four or five people who we admitted to full communion with the church fell entirely away, and I doubt if they ever had any real true interest in Christianity. I am glad that these people are all removed from Saga now, and are not a continual eyesore to us.

In Japan, as here at home we have our lukewarm Christians, who cause us no little anxiety. Buddhism did not teach its adherents to attend the temples regularly and these people are by nature and antecedents inclined to be negligent about attending divine worship. They have never been brought to see the necess-

ity of regular attendance at divine worship, and many of them think that it really does not matter. We have in our boby one or two members who are very negligent in this matter.

One of the most discouraging features in connection with the work is the impure motives of many of our inquirers. A common motive is to learn English. The average Japanese youth is exceedingly anxious to learn English, and he will simulate a deep interest in Christianity in order to accomplish his end. He will come and talk Christianity to you by the hour, if you will talk in English. I generally test the sincerity of such fellows by stipulating that all our study is to be in Japanese, and then four out of five of them lose their interest at once. These men will often go ahead and study Christianity, pretend to believe it thoroughly and even receive baptism and come into full connection with the church—ostensibly earnest Christian men, but in reality students for the English language who have joined the church for the superior opportunity which it gives them of association with the foreigner, and exploiting their English. I am generally suspicious of work among young men, especially if it is through the medium of the English language. Other people come and enquire who have even more worldly motives—hoping to gain some material advantage from you. The extremest example of this that I have known occured at Wakatsu, where a man who had attended chapel regularly for several weeks and seemed apparently much interested in Christianity asked one of the Christians there when *pay day* came around. When informed that there was no such thing he said he would stop coming then, and has not appeared there since. In these and in other ways our work has its discouragements.

But there is a brighter side and it is far the larger one. Many features in connection with our work show a real earnest Christian spirit on the part of the converts and make the heart of the missionary glad. The majority of our people are very faithful in their attendance at church; they heartily participate in our services, and seem very anxious to be instructed in the word of God. They gladly take advantage of any opportunity to study the Bible with an instructor, and are painstaking and appreciative in their study. Of course they read their Bible privately also; but they say that there are many things that they cannot understand without a teacher. Each Sunday we take up a collection and nearly everyone gives something. Most of our people are poor, and their contributions are very liberal in consideration of their means. Many incidents point to a real change of heart and life.

Before closing I want to say a little about the special needs of our mission, and by way of introduction I want to caution against reasoning that mission work in Japan is analogous to that in India or Africa. The only experience our Lutheran Church of America has had with foreign missions heretofore has been in those countries, and you are apt to think that the method of evangelization, the needs and requirements of a mission in Japan, are similar to those in the two countries above named. And yet you could make no greater mistake. The conditions in Japan are just as different from those of Africa as the conditions in America are, and the methods which obtain in Africa would be no more adapted to Japan than they would to America. You cannot reason that because a little mission like ours at Muhlenburg seems well adapted to Africa that a like small force working along similar lines would succeed in Japan. You cannot reason that because certain lines of work have proved fruitful in India they will also prove fruitful in Japan. And yet I think that the majority of our friends at home when speaking and writing about our mission always reason from analogy of our Indian and African missions. The Japanese people are entirely different from those of Africa or India. They are more or less civilized and educated, and cannot be dealt with as you deal with ignorant people. The very nature of the people and the circumstances under which they live demand a mission polity peculiar to Japan. Even if we should feel personally inclined to follow more closely the models approved in other fields we cannot do so because of precedent. We went to Japan at a late day; the policy of conducting mission work was already established, and we are compelled more or less to fall in with it. For these reasons you must not expect that what succeeds in India or Africa would succeed equally as well in Japan.

The first need of our work that I would mention is more workers. Two men and one woman may be sufficient to run a mission well at Muhlenburg, Africa, but they cannot do it in Japan. The large boards have used men and money freely in Japan, and the precedent is established. If a mission works along independent lines it must have a certain amount of missionary machinery, and it must have men to run it. We ought to have at the very least one more minister, and one single lady in our work. A single lady could do a good work in Saga among the girls and women, just in private house to house teaching, and I hope we can have one single lady soon. With one single woman and another minister we would be pretty well equipped for work as far as foreign workers are concerned.

Then we need more money to spend on the field. It is useless under present conditions for a foreigner to attempt to work in Japan except through native evangelists, and there ought to be at least two native workers to every foreign one. Then money is needed to rent chapels, etc.

The most troublesome question before us is in regard to training helpers. If we prosecute our work independently of all bodies now at work in Japan and establish a true Lutheranism there such as will be influential for good, and will accomplish the purpose for which we went to Japan, we must train our own workers independently. Any of the present theological schools would be glad to train our men for us; but if we permit them to do so it will be hard to preserve a pure Lutheranism. Now when we have only two men in the field we can't afford to set one apart for theological teaching; and we ourselves cannot attend to the evangelistic work and teaching at the same time. Even if we could we could not get the students under those conditions. Young men would not come to us to study theology at irregular hours just when we could attend to them in a poorly equipped little school, when well equipped and manned schools were invitting them to go elsewhere. This is the problem before us. We are at present too small to support our own school, and yet if we continually use men from other schools there is no reason for our separate existence there. It is a question that the Mission Board will have to solve in the near future.

In conclusion I would say that our chief needs are faith, patience and prayer; faith in the power and promises of God, faith that is not balked by difficulties and trials but continually awaits and expects a final triumph; patience that will not demand a harvest as soon as the seed is sown, but is contented to wait until the harvest time; prayer that takes hold upon God and prevails with him, securing his constant protectiou, guidance and nourishment of the work in which we are engaged.

R. B. PEERY.

Saga, Japan, June 10th, 1895.

And in order to complete the story, we append two extracts from the latest letters of Mr. Scherer:

"Increased attendance at our chapel has obliged us to make more pews. You will be interested to hear that our people have themselves, with my endorsal, rented a place for preaching in the most thickly populated parts of the town, looking to us to meet only occasional expenses. The first meeting was held last night under favorable circumstances. They originated the plan themselves and secured the house. The Sunday morning collec-

tions go towards paying the rent. We now preach regularly at six different places. We do not wish to increase this number for the present. I visited Wakatsu last week and organized a catechetical class with the heads of two families as members. I may say that the project as to renting a chapel is a very unusual thing in Japan. Our people are in truth unusually earnest Christians.

"My relations with the school are more intimate and pleasant than ever before. Fifteen of the teachers were at my house one evening last week, and twenty of the boys on another evening. The principal had a talk with me about mission work, and a new teacher has asked for Bible instruction. I do not think any foreigner was ever before invited to the commencement exercises of the school. They are very different from our own, only high officers among the Japanese being invited, along with the fathers and brothers of the graduating class, and the alumni of the school.

"I give weekly instruction in Lutheran theology to our two helpers, using the outlines of Dr. Jacobs' book and referring frequently to the Augsburg Confession. I hope they may subsequently receive ordination. Please give me your opinion on that.

"We had communion service today, there being fourteen communicants. A number of our people are ill and could not come. One man got up out of his bed—he lives near by—and came for the sacrament. I was alarmed, as he tottered and could hardly sit up; but he got home none the worse, apparently, for his earnestness. We now have six applications for baptism. Two are the wife and child—a lad of seventeen—of a very respectable merchant whom I baptized today. His name is Nishimuta. Two others are a physican and his wife. This man—Dr. Totiuka—has studied of Christianity off and on for nine years past, and has a thoroughly good name. He was reached through one of our members. The other two are a man and his wife in Wakatsu, he being a member of my catechetical class there. All of these people will wait until fall. The proprietor of a house of ill repute in Wakatsu has been led through our preaching to give up his business. He does not *intend* to give it up; he has already done so. He has not yet signified any desire of becoming a Christian. Our work is in a wonderfully hopeful condition.

"There are six stations where work is regularly carried on. One of these is supported entirely by the native church. There are thirty-one communicants on our record book. Of these, eleven were added during the year 1894. Three Sunday-schools are maintained, comprising about sixty scholars. Taking "ad-

herents'' in a broad sense, including children and all, I should put the sum at about one hundred. Three students attend classes in theology(including one or two helpers). Six attend a class for special Bible study. Catechetical classes, averaging about six members each, are held in two places. Our Christians have a class for Bible study; and there is a woman's society meeting under Mrs. Scherer's care every week. Mrs. Scherer is further responsible for one of the Sunday-schools, and last year had, in addition, two classes of women and girls each week. Too much cannot be said in praise of our helpers. They are thoroughly competent, earnest and consecrated. To their efforts is largely due the degree of success to which the mission has attained.''

In Mr. Scherer's last letter, (dated August 16) he reports a great storm in the Ken in which Saga is situated, by which 4,500 houses were demolished, and our mission house and chapels suffered damage. Mr. Scherer attended the General Conference of Missionaries from China, Japan and Corea, at Arima, this summer, and was appointed one of the board of managers for the coming year. He was glad to note a more conservative tone than was noticeable in former conferences. He reports also the prevalence of cholera in Japan.

We cheerfully record our high appreciation of the character and work of Missionary Scherer.

REPORT OF REV. J. A. B. SCHERER AS TREASURER OF THE MISSION IN JAPAN.

MONEY RECEIVED (Jap. Yen.)				MONEY EXPENDED (Jap. Yen.)			
	1893.	1894.	1895. †		1893.	1894.	1895.
Drafts from America	533.04	555.38	315.05	Trav. exp	100.96	57.44	5.62
Sundries	20.08	8.08	.....	House acct	106.65	160.93	59.57
School*	689.82	600.00	240.00	Furniture	158.80	63.10	90.76
Sale of furniture	90.15	.....	.....	Helpers	326.14	391.22	330.20
Interest	1.03	.....	12.00	Rents	217.43	221.81	113.70
Scherer and Peery contributed	27.00	.....	.....	Literature	23.88	3.34	9.60
Native ch	.....	.....	1.65	Health and teacher	213.85	.....	.57
				Catechism	23.36	1.20	.....
				Sundries	120.21	26.27	100.11
				The Service	.....	44.74	6.00
	1,361.12	1,163.46	568.70		1,293.98	970.15	716.13

* Earned by Mr. Scherer. † August 1, 1895.

STATISTICS OF JAPAN MISSION.

FIELD OF OPERATIONS, ISLAND OF KYUSHYU, CITY OF SAGA, AND VICINITY.	Ordained Missionaries.	Unordained Native helpers.	Stations.	Communicants.	Added last year.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in Sunday-schools.	Total Native Communicants.	Pupils under instruction.	Monthly Salaries of Missionaries.	Monthly Salaries of helpers.
	2	3	6	31	11	3	60	100	21	$150.00*	46 yen.

* In gold.

The Board could not complete its report without mention of the extraordinary support it has received from Grace Church, Winchester. It has paid the whole salary of Mr. Peery; it pledges itself also to the support of one helper and to the rental of five preaching places; and has added many special gifts besides. The salary of its missionary until July, 1896 has already been paid into our treasury.

The Board has received from the estate of Mr. Geo. Miller, of Winchester $500, to be used in purchasing a place of worship in Japan, the interest to be devoted to paying rent for such a place until one shall be purchased. Inquiry has been made concerning the practicability of such a purchase in Japan, and meanwhile the lagacy has been invested in six hundred dollar bonds of the city of Charleston; interest $24 per annum, and present value $570.

MISSION PROBLEMS.

Many subjects of great interest have occupied the letters between the missionaries and the Board. They have written of their manner of life, of their studies and of their converts; and as far as possible we have endeavored to spread their letters before the churches. On several subjects they have frankly debated with the Board. Mr. Scherer, as the senior in the service has been recognized as head of the mission, and is its Treasurer. But both missionaries reported directly to the Board, and each received his salary directly, and every subject has been discussed with both on an equality. They have been forbidden to undertake any work involving new expenditure without special authorization. Several questions will have to be considered by our successors.

1. Mr. Scherer has asked that his salary increase with the size

of his family, and states that this is usual in other missions.

2. The Board has taken the ground that in opening new work it is always desirable to begin only in towns and villages not already occupied by other missions, which course—our missionaries say—is contrary to usage in Japan, but which we still consider prudent and scriptural.

3. Some arrangements will have to be made to train native workers in our own mission. It has been suggested that we might add a teacher of theology in the school of the Dutch Reformed Church of Nagasaki.

4. The question of the *organization* of the native congregation is imminent.

5. And Mr. Scherer has stated the question of the *ordination* of one helper.

In conclusion, the Board urges upon the churches, the synods and the societies the extreme importance of meeting the regular expenses of the mission, before devoting money contributed to special purposes. And we would suggest that our work would be improved if our ministers, and their helpers in our congregations. would use every opportunity to study the history and science of Modern Missions, and especially the peculiar conditions of a Christian mission in Japan.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF R. G. CHISOLM, TREASURER.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1892, TO SEPTEMBER 10, 1895.

HOME ACCOUNT.

Received from J. D. Cappelmann, Treasurer	$154 01
By Contribution Account	9,418 36
By Interest from Bank Deposits	32 53
By Asheville, N. C., church toward pastor's salary	215 00
By Atlanta, Ga., church toward pastor's salary	540 00
By Augusta, Ga., church toward pastor's salary	469 00
By Bristol, Tenn., church toward pastor's salary	254 65
By Morristown, Tenn., church toward pastor's salary	99 95
By Norfolk, Va., church toward pastor's salary	618 00
By Richmond, Va., 1, church toward pastor's salary	1,545 50
By Richmond, Va., 2, church toward pastor's salary	247 50
By Winston, N. C., church toward pastor's salary	858 80
By Norfolk, Va., church investment account	510 00
By Winston, N. C., church investment account	1,039 90
	16,003 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Asheville, N. C., church, salary of pastor	$575 00
To Atlanta, Ga., church, salary of pastor and Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	1,772 75
To Augusta, Ga., church, salary of pastor	794 00
To Bristol, Tenn., church, salary of pastor	763 05
To Morristown, Tenn., church, salary of pastor	249 95
To Norfolk, Va., church, salary of pastor	1,386 52
To Richmond, Va., 1, church, salary of pastor	2,417 00
To Richmond, Va., 2, church, salary of pastor	625 00
To Winston, N. C., church, salary of pastor	2,833 80
To Norfolk, Va., church, investment account	545 00
To Richmond, Va., church, interest account	180 00
To Winston, N. C., church, investment account	2,677 15
To expense account, stationery, printing, traveling expenses, etc.	756 76
Cash on hand	427 22
	16,003 20

FINANCIAL STATEMEMT OF R. G. CHISOLM, TREASURER.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1892, TO SEPTRMBER 10, 1895.

FOREIGN ACCOUNT.

Balance received from Mr. J. D. Cappelmann, Treas	$956 54
Receipts from contribution account	9,380 98
Receipts from interest on savings bank deposits	77 80
Receipts from legacy estate G. F. Miller	534 00
	10,949 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Rev. J. A. B. Scherer*	$3,032 59
To Rev. R. B. Peery	2,884 68
To Native Helper	49 00
To Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	1,725 00
To expense account, renting places, stationery, traveling expenses of Sec. of Board, meetings, etc.	998 64
To Legacy invested, purchase of bonds	513 25
Balance on hand	1,746 16
	$10,949 32

ASSETS.

Note of Richmond Mission	$1,000 00
Mortgage on Trinity Church, Augusta, Ga	2,500 00

* Paid to November 1st, 1995.

Mortgage on Knoxville Church	4.000 00
Mortgage on Winston Church	4,000 00
City of Charleston, S. C., 4 per cent. bonds, $600 par value	600 00

CONCLUSION.

It is but proper that we should commend the earnest services of our Secretary; who, however, has been so thoroughly in our confidence, that in commending him, we feel as if we were commending ourselves.

The Board begs leave to say that we do not desire re-election. While not insensible of our great privilege in serving the church in the foundation of her mission in Japan, and in the successful development of the work of Home Missions, we have also felt how heavy the responsibility is. We are deeply thankful to God for His evident blessing. Strong churches are being built up; the services of able helpers have been secured; the women in their societies have earnestly seconded us; our income has steadily increased; greater results are attained by less expenditure than in any other mission field; and while it is true that not half of our resources have been developed, and not a fourth of our territory has been attempted, it has been demonstrated that the United Synod is equal to its duty if it will undertake it in the name of God.

EDWARD T. HORN,
E. A. WINGARD,
R. C. HOLLAND,
H. S. WINGARD,
JOHN D. CAPPELMANN.
HENRY A. MEETZE.
C. M. EFIRD,
L. K. PROBST.

On motion the following committee on the Barrier Estate was appointed: Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer and Ambrose L. Henkel, and Rev C. A. Marks.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

NOTE.—Divine Services were held in the Church at 7:30 p. m.. at which time addresses were delivered by Rev. L. K. Probst and Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., on the subject of *Christian and Theological Education*.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Synod was called to order. The President led the Synod in the use of the Matin Service.

The minutes of the first and second sessions were read and approved.

The Secretary read a communication from Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the *South View Orphan Home*, which was referred to Committee on Orphan Home.

Rev. E. Belfour, D. D., having presented his credentials as *visitor* from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was introduced by the President.

Dr. Belfour addressed the Synod, conveying the greetings of the General Council, referring to the remarkable growth of the Lutheran Church in America, both in numbers and in Lutheran Church consciousness, and expressing the hope of the establishment of still more cordial relations between the several general bodies of our Church.

The President responded in fitting terms and warmly welcomed Dr. Belfour to a seat as an advisory member.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

BRETHREN: We the undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the account of Chas. H. Duls Esq., Treasurer of your body, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we have thoroughly and carefully examined the said account, comparing same with the vouchers and other papers laid before us. That the account has been well kept, and that all payments from the said fund have been made in accordance with

the Constitution, and that there is a balance in his hands due the Synod of $6.90. Respectfully submitted.

L. S. WALKER,
D. E. RIESER,
J. B. O'NEALL HOLLOWAY.
Committee.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Synod presented the following report, which was received and considered by items

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

Your Committee on the Minutes of Last Conventon of this body beg leave to submit the following report:

1. On page 5, the President reports that he had secured a charter of incorporation of this body, which charter was submitted. On page 80, the Committee on President's Report recommended the acceptance of the charter which was adopted, but the form of the charter was not printed in the minutes, as it is the recollection of your committee was ordered. A certified copy of the original documents, both of this and the charter of the Board of Missions (see page 11), should be preserved in the archives of the Synod.

2. The President recommended that the United Syn od interpret and that each district synod confirm the interpretation—that the confession to which a candidate for ordination is bound by his ordination oath shall mean the confessions acknowledged in the doctrinal basis of this body, etc. Have the district synods so confirmed?

3. It was adopted (page 65) that one month be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as a "Mission Month." Has this been carried out?

4. It was determined that two Sundays in the year (Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November) be set apart for missionary collections, the same to be sent to the Board. Has this been done?

5. The Board of Missions was instructed to make the *Mission News* self-sustaining if possible. What has been done?

6. The Board was instructed to raise annually for Foreign Missions the sum of $6,000, and for Home Missions $4,500. Has the Board done so?

7. What has been done towards the establishment of a Theological Seminary? (See page 82.)

8. What has been done with regard to the proposition of Mr. Terry concerning an Orphan Home at South View? (See pages 87–88.) Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. COX,
S. H. HEARNE,
JOHN P. GOSE.

Item 1. Ordered that the Secretary have a certified copy of the Charter of the United Synod printed in the Minutes.

Item 2. Some have and some have not.

Item 3. Complied with in part.

Item 4. Complied with in spirit.

Item 5. Answer given in Report of Board of Missions.

Item 6. Faithfully endeavored but did not succeed in full.

Item 7. Answered in report of Directors of Theological Seminary,

Item 8. Referred to committee on Orphan Home.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The committee on Common Service rendered the following report which was received and considered seriatim:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON SERVICE.

The committee on Common Service report:

1. The enclosed statement of W. J. Duffie, publisher, with his check for $159.05.

2. That he proposes to publish an edition with music, which shall incorporate standard tunes contained in the music books called Hermon and Tabor, with two hundred additional tunes, on condition that the transfer of the plates ,&c., of the Service and Book of Worship to this Synod, as provided in our contract with Mr. Duffie, be postponed seven or eight years beyond Feb. 1, 1897, the term fixed in that contract. We cannot recommend the publication of music to our present collection of hymns, which needs revision, or should be superceded by a better.

3. The translation of Luther's Small Catechism agreed upon by a Joint Committee of the three General Bodies has been published. (It is to be found prefixed to the translaion of Loehe's Catechism

published by W. J. Duffie.) It has not been approved by the other bodies; and many suggestions have been referred to the Joint Committee. The Committee, therefore, asks to be continued.

4. A demand has arisen for a cheaper edition of our Book of Worship, especially for distribution in mission congregations, and for introduction into our churches. The committee therefore recommends that Mr. Duffie be directed to publish an edition of the Book of Worship which should be neatly bound and sold for not more than 50 cents a copy—the United Synod receiving no royalty on any of the copies of this edition.

EDWARD T. HORN, *Chairman.*

Item 1. Statement (see below) adopted and ordered that the check be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Request of the Committee granted.

Item 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

STATEMEMT OF W. J. DUFFIE, PUBLISHER.

COLUMBIA, S. C., September 10, 1895.

To Edward T. Horn, D. D., Secretary and Chairman of the Publication Committee of the United Synod of the Ev. Lutheran Church in the South:

DEAR SIR: I herewith inclose my report of sales of Book of Worship and Common Service from March 23, 1893, to this day. On March 23, 1893, I had on hand as follows:

Books of Worship, 24 mo. size, bound copies		567
Books of Worship, 24 mo. in sheets, unbound copies		1 700
Books of Worship, pulpit size, in sheets, unbound		254
Books of Worship, pulpit size, bound copies		66
		2 587

I have on hand now, September 10, 1895:

Books of Worship, small size, or 24 mo. size, sheets unbound—*none.*		
Books of Worship, 24 mo. or small size, bound copies	412	
Books of Worship, pulpit size, bound	83	
Books of Worship, pulpit size, sheets, unbound	104	
		599
		1 988
Deduct given away to feeble churches		30
Hence, sales are		1 958

Copyright on sales of 1,958 copies at 8 cents each from Mar. 23, 1893, to Sept. 10, 1895, amount to	$156 64
Commission on Sales of Common Service, 5 per cent. on $48.38	2 41
[As per report of sales, see below.]	
	159 05

To pay above I inclose check for $159.05.

REPORT OF SALES OF COMMON SERVICE

FROM MARCH 23, 1993, TO SEPTEMBER 10, 1895.

Cloth, on hand—Common Service, 24 mo., March 23, 1893, 6 copies; none now, hence sales 6 copies sold at 43⅓ cents	$2 62
Arabesque, plain, 1 copy on hand March 23, 1893; none now, hence 1 sold at	44
Arabesque gilt—26 on hand March 23, 1893; on hand now 14, hence 12 copies sold, as follows: 6 at 72 cents	4 32
6 at 60 cents	3 60
English Turkey—On hand March 23, 1893, 12 copies; on hand now 2, hence sales are 10 copies at 83⅓ cents	8 33
Turkey morocco—3 on hand March 23, 1893; on hand now 3, no sales.	
Small 15-cent Edition—on hand on March 23, 1893, 135 copies; none on hand now, hence 135 sold at 13 cents per copy	17 55

PULPIT EDITION.

Cloth, on hand March 23, 1893, 18 copies; on hand now 12 copies, hence 6 copies have been sold, as follows: 3 at 64 cents and 3 at 53⅓ cents	3 52
Arabesque, plain—on hand March 23, 1893, 38 copies; on hand Sept. 10, 1895, 36 copies, hence sales 2 copies at $1.20 each	2 40
Arabesque, gilt—on hand March 23, 1893, 22 copies; on hand Sept. 10, 1895, 18 copies, hence sales 4 copies at $1.40 each	5 60
Turkey morocco—on hand March 23, 1893, 24 copies; on hand Sept. 10, 1895, 24 copies, hence no sales.	
	48 38

Respectfully,

W. J. DUFFIE.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Common Service be directed to secure the publication of the 15-cent edition of the Common Service.

On motion the consideration of the matter of securing a Book of Worship to be used in common by the several general bodies of Lutherans, was made the first order of business this afternoon.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Armand Miller.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

The minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the matter of securing a Common Book of Worship was resumed, and the following was adopted:

Resolved, That our Committee on Common Service be instructed to confer with similar committees of other general bodies, or in any other way which may be most proper, concerning the securement of a Common Book of Service throughout, including liturgy, ministerial acts and hymns—or, in other words, a book identically the same—and that they be instructed to be as urgent, and pressing, and prompt as the circumstances will admit of, believing, as we do, that such action would greatly promote the common welfare of the whole church.

The Committee on District Synods reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

We, your Committee on Minutes of District Synods connected with the United Synod, desire to present the following report:

We find but one item claiming the attention of this body at this time, which is an overture from the Virginia Synod, "praying that the United Synod carefully consider the advisability and practicability of securing a revised Book of Worship with tunes."

We, the Committee, recommend that this overture be referred to the Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. J. BUSHONG,
V. R. STICKLEY.
M. L. EXLEY.

The report was adopted.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the President issue an order on the Treasurer for $1.10 to pay expressage on package from the former Secretary.

The following with reference to Sunday-school Lessons was adopted:

Whereas, the importance of our Sunday-school work demands the earnest and serious consideration of this body, in order that greater uniformity of study may be secured, and better and more successful results obtained in that department of church work;

Resolved, That we recommend the Augsburg Series of International Lesson Leaves, with the helps belonging to the series, for use in all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. R. B. Peery.

NOTE.—Divine service was held in the church at 7:30 p. m. Revs. L. K. Probst, L. E. Busby, and L. G. M. Miller, D. D., delivered addresses on the subject of *Home Missions*.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Synod met and was led by the President in the use of the Morning Suffrages.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on President's Report offered the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following:

The report of our President is a comprehensive document, giving a full and concise statement of his official acts and an encouraging review of the condition of the United Synod, and calls attention to the following items demanding the action of Synod at this session.

1. The President reminds us of the death of our former Treasurer, Col. P. N. Heilig, which occurred on the 21st of August, 1892, who was an active and efficient participant in the councils of the United Synod.

He also calls attention to the removal by death of Rev. Abel J. Brown, D. D., on the 17th day of July, 1894. A man of ripe Christian character, to whose wise counsels, and efficient services and staunch advocacy of the principles represented by this Synod, we are greatly indebted.

We are also reminded of the death of Rev. Jacob Hawkins, D. D., on the 16th day of July, 1895, a man of scholarly attainments and whose name has been closely connected with the history of our Southern Church.

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions recording our appreciation of the exalted Christian life, and the eminent services to the United Synod of the South of these three brethren now deceased.

2. The officers of Synod appointed C. H. Duls, Esq., of Charlotte, N. C., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Heilig. We recommend that this action of our officers be hereby ratified by this Synod.

3. The President has called attention to the work of the Orphan's Home, the Synodical Mission work, the location and further equipment of the Theological Seminary, and the overture for practical co-operation submitted by the General Synod. As these items will be presented to this body in the regular order of business we have here no recommendations to offer.

4. We recommend that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the President of Synod for his wise, faithful, and efficient performance of all the duties of the important office to which he was called.

C. H. ROCKEY,
J. A. SNYDER,
J. AUSTIN,
G. W. KOINER.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, and the following Committee on Memoirs was appointed: Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. L. E. Busby, and Rev. C. A. Marks.

Item 3. No recommendation

Item 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Missions reported:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Report of the Board of Missions, with accompanying papers, was placed in our hands for consideration. The following items of said report are submitted for the approval of this body:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as Missiohary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. The Board, in its report, gives a detailed and thorough statement of its Home Mission Churches, with interesting statistics. This portion of the report gives great encouragement to that department of its work, and should arouse and awaken our churches to the vast possibilities before us, and should cause a universal response by all our congregations in increased contributions to enable the Board to enter and successfully conduct our work in the many inviting fields within our Southern land.

6. The portion of the report on our Japan Mission is full and definite, and shows conclusively that this work, begun in faith, has the blessing of God upon it. Much is stated to strengthen the effort in this work, and the facts are most cheering and inspiring. This Committee would recommend that the narrative about the Japan Mission, its missionaries, and the future work there be referred to the Board for careful consideration and decision.

7. Though the Board has met with gratifying success, and has accomplished an admirable work with the means at its command, the Treasurer's report forcibly exhibits the fact of a lack of interest, in some quarters, in our missionary efforts. That report shows that one congregation contributed one-third of all the income for Foreign Missions, leaving the balance, $6,600, for all the Synods—an average of 18 cents for the three years, or 6 cents per annum, and that $16,000—the amount for Home Missions—represents the contributions of our membership—an average of 42 cents for the three years, or 14 cents per annum. The Committee recommends that this aspect of our Mission work be earnestly considered by this convention.

8. Your committee bears testimony to the wise, prudent and painstaking labors of the Board in administering the trust committed to them by this body. Much of the success of our missionary efforts is due to their wise management, and we here record our deep and grateful appreciation of the Board and our Secretary for their devoted and tireless interest in our work. We recommend that their report be adopted as a whole.

9. It was the unanimous judgment of your Committee that, in the interest of our work, the present Board should be re-eleceed by this body, but, after a statement made to the Committee, at its request, by the chairman of the Board, the Committee offer the following names for your election on the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the ensuing term:

Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. C. Armand Miller, J. E. Cooper. Esq., Hon. H. S. Trout, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover.

10. Your Committee further recommend the retention of the services of our present capable and efficient Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
A. G. VOIGT,
J. S. ELMORE,
WM. L. DARR,
B. S. BROWN,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
W. Y. CLINE,
J. E. COOPER,
GEO. B. CROMER,

Item 1. Adopted.

On motion an invitation to visit the Virginia Institu-

tion for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and of the Blind was accepted.

Pending the consideration of the report of the Committee on Missions, Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Marks.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order and opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the report of Committee on Missions was resumed.

Items 2 to 10 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That each District Synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the Home and Foreign work of the Board of Missions.

Rev. Luther Kuhlman was introduced as fraternal delegate from the General Synod. On motion he was received, and the hour of 11 o'clock to-morrow was set apart to give him an opportunity of addressing the Synod.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D.

NOTE.—Divine services were held at 7:30 p. m. Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., and Rev. C. Armand Miller delivered addresses on the subject of *Foreign Missions*.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Synod was opened, with devotional exercises conducted by the President. Prayer by Rev. O. C. Miller.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following was read, received and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BARRIER ESTATE.

Your Committee charged with the duty of inquiring into the status of the Barrier Bequest, ask leave to report as follows:

The only information in the possession of the Committee is derived from certain letters addressed to officers of Synod by Mr. C. H. Duls, the executor of the late Capt. Barrier's will. From these letters it appears that the Synod will receive from the estate of Capt. Barrier probably some two or three hundred dollars in money besides the proceeds of certain real estate yet to be sold. This real estate consists of two vacant lots in the city of Charlotte, N. C., estimated at $1,800 for the two, a one-half interest in a 96¼-acre tract of land near the city of Charlotte, the tract estimated at $3,250, two lots at Ivanhoe Furnace, near Wytheville, Va., and several lots at Salem, Va. The executor states that he will sell the lots at Ivanhoe Furnace September 25th, the lot at Salem, Va., September 26th, and the lands at Charlotte September 28. He states also that the lots in Virginia are not rentable, and that he has been unable to find purchasers for them, though he has made strenuous efforts to effect a sale.

Your Committee respectfully recommend:

1. That Maj. W. G. Repass and Hon. Henry S. Trout be requested and authorized to advise with Mr. C. H. Duls, executor, to the end that the sale of the lots at Salem and Ivanhoe Furnace may be as advantageous as practicable; and if, when the property is offered for sale, they find that it is about to sell for less than its value and at a sacrifice, that they be empowered, in the exercise of their discretion, to bid in the lots, or any of them, and take title to the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. The adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Hon. Henry S. Trout, as Treasurer of the Seminary Fund of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, be, and he is hereby authorized, to receive and receipt for all moneys derived under the will of the late Capt. W. A. Barrier and coming to the said Synod; and, in the event that title to any of the real estate sold by C. H. Duls, Esq., as executor of the will of the said W. A. Barrier, is taken in the name of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of

the said Synod, the said Henry S. Trout, as such Treasurer, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute to the said C. H. Duls, as executor, such receipts, acknowledgments, and acquittances as the law may require to protect the said executor and discharge him from further liability in the premises.

3. That the Treasurer of the Seminary Fund be directed to invest the funds received from the estate of Capt W. A. Barrier, and that he hold and use the interest accruing on the same as he shall be ordered from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

4. That all necessary expenses incident to the protection of the Synod's interests as affected by the sale of the Barrier lots in Virginia be paid by the Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, provided that he shall not invest any money in the purchase of such lots.

GEO. B. CROMER,
C. A. MARKS,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be authorized, in the interim of Synod, to fill any vacancies occurring in said Board either by death or resignation.

A letter was read, from Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., L. L. D., Dean of the Faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, extending an invitation to the United Synod to participate, through representatives, in the exercises of Seminary Day.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to return a proper acknowledgment of the kind invitation of Rev. Dr. Jacobs, of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

The Cemmittee on State of the Church offered the following, which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee on the State of the Church submits the following:

Only a few of the minutes of the District Synods have been handed us, and no papers. Our information has been gained

from reports of the various boards and committees which have been made, and from our personal knowledge of the state of the Church within the bounds of the United Synod. With Gratitude to God we record the facts that there has been, in most of our Synods, a large increase in membership, a more general circulation of our church literature, and more interest manifested in the education of the young people of the Church.

Another cause of gratitude is the fact that a much deeper interest is manifested in the work of Missions, Home and Foreign, by many of our congregations, and that there is shown some realization of the responsibilities arising from our relation to Christ as His stewards.

It is very evident, however. that many who have the solemn vows of baptism resting upon them, which they ratified in confirmation, did not understand or mean what they promised when they covenanted with God to "live, suffer and die, according to His will and word." With deep humiliation we record the fact that many of the communing members of some congregations, as well as of those enrolled in our Sunday-schools, do and give nothing for the spread of the Gospel either in the Home or Foreign field. If the President of each Synod, the pastor of each congregation, the superintendent of each Sunday-school would faithfully present what God says on this subject to those of this number under their respective care the Word of God would "not return unto Him void." Much, very much, more could and would be done for the extension of our Lord's Kingdom, if each one of our $35,000 communicants, and of the members of our Sunday-schools appreciated and prized the privilege of being a servant of the Lord Jesus as did the Apostles after they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and regarded a personal call to work for Him as a most comforting assurance of discipleship.

The opinion of your Committee is that the parochial school is the ideal Lutheran school. At the same time we recognize that many of our congregations are not in a position to properly conduct them. This fact may largely account for the secularization of education to-day; therefore we earnestly urge our Lutheran people to conscientiously support our Lutheran schools, both male and female, fully believing the best possible place for Lutheran children is in distinctively Lutheran schools.

We also urge that the pernicious literature so abundant in these days be unqualifiedly condemned and carefully kept beyond the reach of our young people.

It seems to your Committee that much more missionary work might be done by many of our pastors whose whole time is not

occupied. Many outposts could be supplied, new congregations organized, and souls gathered into the fold by more intelligent effort in this direction.

It is also a matter for thanksgiving that all over our Southern Lutheran Church more attention is being paid to catechetical instruction. As in many places the parochial school is as yet almost impossible, it is the more imperatively demanded that all our pastors attend to the religious training of our sons and daughters if we expect them to grow up into Christ, our Living Head, "as polished stones after the similitude of a palace."

The peculiarities of our times and surroundings tend to encourage the organization of a multiplicity of societies called religious, which are often but indirectly and loosely connected with the Church, the tendency of which is to lessen the attachment and devotion of our young people to the Church, and to lessen their appreciation of its divine authority and superlative importance. In the opinion of your Commitee no religious organization ought to be encouraged among our young people which is not under the direction of the pastor and officers of the congregation.

Other matters which have claimed the attention of your Committee have already been acted upon by your body. In closing our report we beg to say that we have more reasons to here and now raise an Ebenezer to God and more encouragement to pray that the Kingdom of our Lord may come more speedily and gloriously in our future than ever before in the history of our Southern Lutheran Church.

J. J. SCHERER.
J. Q. WERTZ,
J. S. ELMORE.
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. W. JENNY,
D. C. BOLAND.

The Committee on Church Literature presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

In looking at the subject of literature as related to our work, two distinct things demand our attention: What publications have appeared since our last convention, and what has been done or may be done to circulate them among our people. We must consider the first, that we may know what to commend. We must take notice of the second, that we may learn whether or not these

publications are accomplishing all that they ought to do.

During the last three years not many Lutheran books have been published. Some of our men in the South have written valuable articles for the reviews, but these have been limited in their influence to the ministry. It is to be feared that not as many of our ministers are readers of these reviews as should be. Both the *Lutheran Quarterly* and the *Church Review* have contributors in the South, and both are worthy of study. The minister may derive benefit by studying each number and by circulating his own copy among his more intelligent members with the articles marked which will be most interesting to them.

Among the books which have been published we wish to call attention to Dr. Jacobs' Elements of Religion, a book helpful to educated laymen and young ministers; to Jacobs' History of the Lutheran Church, published by the Christian Literature Company, a book attracting wide-spread attention and doing a great deal towards making us better known to the American public; to Luther as a Spiritual Adviser, translated by Dr. C. A. Hay and Son; to the Lutheran Commentary, edited by Dr. Jacobs and published by the Christian Literature Company; and Loehe's Catechism, translated by Dr. E. T. Horn. The Commentary, among whose authors are Drs. Horn and Voigt, is a work of special value to both ministers and laymen. It is the only complete Lutheran commentary on the New Testament in our language. It will prove useful to all Bible students, combining, as it does in a large degree, the features of both the critical and popular commentaries, and making accessible to our people the results of ripe scholarship. Loehe's Catechism is the best explanation of Luther's Catechism for use in the family and in the schools. In many respects it is an admirable little book. With a few emendations it is just what has so long been needed.

When we turn to look at the circulation of our literature we find something to gratify us, but very much to deplore. The *Mission News* was suspended because of the want of support. The *Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* do not have the circulation they deserve. In part it is the fault of the pastors, but in larger part that of the people that there are many of our homes into which neither of them go. Lutheran authorship does not find encouragement. Books of no greater value find larger sale in other churches. Lutheran writers are discouraged by the large number of volumes of an ordinary edition which remain unsold. Our most popular writers have been made to suffer by neglect and been forced to retire or go into other fields. We believe that this is due in large measure to the fact that inadequate means are

employed in bringing our publications before our people. There was a sale of nearly twenty thousand copies of one of our works because it was carried by agents to Lutheran homes. In part of our own territory the subscription lists to our church papers were handsomely increased and a number of Lutheran books sold by young men engaged by a pastoral association. We would recommend:

1. That our Synods, Conferences and pastoral associations be advised to engage students from our institutions to canvass our churches during the summer vacations and that the Synods have reports at their annual sessions from the pastors upon the number of copies of our papers taken in their several pastorates.

2. That a committee, with Dr. Horn as chairman, be appointed to revise Loehe's Catechism so as to make it entirely suited to use in our families, Sunday-schools, parochial schools, and catechism classes, and this committee be requested to publish a provisional copy of their work previous to our next convention.

L. A. FOX,
J. Q. WERTZ,
A. D. HALTIWANGER.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, and the following committee was appointed:

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. J. A. Snyder, Rev. W. R. Brown, Rev. J. Q. Wertz, on revision of Loehe's Catechism.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, according to the resolution of Synod, the floor was given to Rev. Luther Kuhlman, representative of the General Synod, who, in his address, conveyed the fraternal greetings of that ecclesiastical body, and spoke of the unity of our fathers in the faith, of subsequent divisions, and of the present movement toward mutual recognition of one another on the part of the general bodies of our Lutheran Church.

The President made an appropriate response, extending the hand of Christian and Lutheran brotherhood, and welcoming Rev. Kuhlman to a seat as an advisory member.

The Committee on Overture on Co-operation presented the following, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OVERTURE ON CO-OPERATION.

To this Committee has been referred:

1. The following overture for practical co-operation, addressed to all Lutheran Bodies of America:

OVERTURES, FOR PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION, TO ALL LUTHERAN BODIES IN AMERICA.

Whereas, The Lutheran Church of America is divided into a number of different branches, which are not in practical accord, the one with the other, and

Whereas, All these subscribe to the Augsburg Confession, adhere to the same general system of government, practice in a measure the same forms of worship, and recognize and glory in the same origin and history, and

Whereas, While it is incumbent upon all Evangelical Christians to cultivate fraternal relations, this is most manifestly the *duty* of those who are of the same denominational name and faith, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That the General Synod will regard with favor any movement looking to a closer co-operation of all Lutheran Bodies in this country, in the practical work of our denomination, upon such terms as will secure the largest possible harmony of action in all lines of mutual interest, recognizing that such co-operation is not to be interpreted as a surrender or compromise of the doctrinal position of any party entering therein.

Resolved, 2nd, That this General Synod respectfully, sincerely and fraternally suggests a conference of committees, to be appointed by the General Lutheran Bodies of this country, for the purpose of an interchange of views upon the possibilities of said closer practical co-operation between the branches of our Lutheran Household.

Resolved, 3d. That for the furtherance of this object, a committee of five be appointed at this convention, to represent the General Synod in such possible conference, and that said committee be, and is hereby authorized to confer with the other said bodies in regard to the objects herein named, provided, always, and it is herein expressly declared, that said committee shall have no power or authority whatever to bind the General Synod by any action it may take in conjunction with any other committee

or committees ; and that it is invested with only conferential authority, and shall report back to the next General Synod the results of its efforts.

Resolved, 4th, That in the name of our beloved Church, and in the greater name of our Lord and Master, and appealing to the Searcher of all hearts for the integrity of our motives, we respectfully ask and hope for the kindliest consideration of all our Lutheran brethren of this our fraternal overture, and pray for the richest blessing of Almighty God upon it.

2. The following report of a Committee on Fraternal Conference with other Lutheran Bodies, of the General Synod, with the action thereon taken by the General Synod at last convention:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CONFERENCE WITH OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES.

Your Committee on Fraternal Conference with other Lutheran Bodies beg to report that the action of the General Synod on this subject was duly transmitted to the General Council, it being the first body to meet after our last convention.

It gives us great pleasure to report that the General Council took favorable action on our overture, and appointed a committee similar to our own, composed of the following ministers: Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass, Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, and Rev. J. C. Kuntzman, all present but the last.

On January 18, 1894, these two committees met in joint session in Philadelphia, Pa., and after electing the Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., chairman, and the Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D. D., secretary, held a free, full, and most fraternal interchange of views on questions of common interest, and finally adopted the following action:

Resolved, That, recognizing the terms of our appointment, we are not competent to enter upon discussions of alleged differences between the basis of the General Synod and the General Council.

I. HOME MISSIONS.

On this subject,

Resolved, That we hereby most respectfully recommend to our respective general bodies, for their adoption, the policy that wherever one body of the Lutheran Church, hereunto consenting, is in occupation of a field, and is shown to be, in a reasonable degree, able to care for our Lutheran material therein, the other or others shall respect such occupancy, and abstain from any attempt to plant an additional congregation to operate in the same

language, and that in case of any disagreement, the Home Mission Boards or Committees of the bodies concerned shall amicably adjust such differences.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On this subject likewise,

Resolved, That, recognizing the intimate relations already existing between the missionaries of the different bodies of the Lutheran Church, where laboring in adjoining foreign fields, we encourage them to promote the upbuilding of the one undivided Lutheran Church in their Christianizing efforts.

III. OUR CHURCH PAPERS.

Resolved, That we deprecate a bitter controversial spirit wherever found in matters of religion, and that we heartily disapprove of any appearance of it in our church journals, and that we affectionately and sincerely counsel all who write for, and those who control our Lutheran papers and periodicals, to abstain from publishing anything that will tend to foster the spirit of partisan division among the brethren of our Lutheran household, and that we counsel them to seek to exalt those things especially and only which, consistently with the testimony for the purity of our Lutheran faith, will promote the peace and the unity of our beloved Lutheran Church.

IV. CONCLUSION.

Resolved, That when these lines of co-operation, or any number of them, shall have been agreed upon by two or more Lutheran bodies, such action shall be held as a sacred compact between the parties consenting thereto; and that we hereby invoke upon this movement for the practical unification of our glorious Church the blessing of Almighty God.

V.

Resolved, That the above action is not to be interpreted in such way as to imply a compromise or surrender of the bodies represented concerning any point of their doctrinal positions.

Your Committee also communicated the General Synod's Overture to Rev, M. Loy, D. D., President of the Joint Synod of Ohio, previous to its meeting in September last, to which no official response was given except in the printed Minutes of their Convention, where action unfavorable to such co-operation on the basis submitted is recorded.

As these were the only General Bodies having met since the appointment of our Committee, no further opportunity has been offered for the exercise of its functions.

Your Committee recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That the basis of co-operation agreed upon by the joint committee of the two Synods named, and any others consenting thereto, be and is hereby adopted by the General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That when official notice of such adoption shall have been exchanged between the Synods in question, this body shall regard this compact as completed and to be sacredly adhered to by the parties concerned.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for this and all other indications that He is blessing our efforts to bring into closer accord and better practical relations the different branches of our great Lutheran family."

The Committee recommend:

1. That we express our great joy in this action of the General Synod and General Council, and adopt the Basis for Co-operation given above.

2. That if a similar conference should be called at any time between this convention and the next convention of the United Synod, the President is hereby authorized to appoint a Committee of three, of whom he shall be a member and the chairman, to represent this Synod in such conference, who shall then report to our next convention.

E. T. HORN,
C. H. ROCKEY,
W. J. SMITH,
S. S. CASTLE,
A. M. BOWMAN.

President Henry E. Sheppard, L. L. D., of Charleston College, was introduced and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The following report of Committee on Treasurer's Report of Theological Seminary Fund was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON TREASURER'S REPORT OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

We, the Committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Fund of the Theological Seminary, formerly at Salem, Virginia, beg leave to report that we find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. ELMORE,
C. C. BERRY,
JOHN C. SEEGERS.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises rendered their report, which was adopted.

On motion the consideration of the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was made the special order of the hour, and the Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your Committee on Theological Seminary would recommend the adoption of the following:

1. That thanks be returned the Board of Directors for their faithful services, and their work be approved.

2. That thanks be extended to the Southside Land and Investment Company, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and to Capt. J. C. Seegers, of Columbia, S. C., for offers of sites for a permanent Theological Seminary.

3. That it is impracticable and inexpedient to select such site now, and that for the present the Seminary be continued at Newberry, S. C.

4. That gratification be expressed at the securing of Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., as Professor of Theology, and at his faithful and efficient services.

5. That another Theological Professor be employed by the Directors to begin labor at the opening of the session beginning in October, 1896.

6. That the Directors provide for his support by calling upon the District Synods for a pro rata appropriation thereto.

7. That if such Professor be secured, Dr. Voigt be made Professor of Systematic Theology.

8. That the Directors receive and consider bids for permanent location, and report concerning them at the next regular meeting of the United Synod.

9. That the Board of Directors be instructed to devise a plan for increasing the endowment of Theological Seminary to at least $50,000 in the near future, and that such plan be put into execution as soon as practicable.

10. That the following be elected as a Board of Directors, namely: Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Mr. Geo. B. Cromer, Mr. C. G. Heilig,

Hon. H. S. Trout, Hon. A. Kioner, Mr. A. D. Haltiwanger, Mr. A. L. Henkel. Respectfully submitted,

B. S. BROWN,
L. G. M. MILLER,
M. M. KINARD,
W. J. SMITH,
JAS. D. HEILIG.

Items 1 and 2 adopted. Pending discussion of item 3, Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. V. R. Stickley.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. B S. Brown. The minutes were read and approved.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

Item 3. Adopted.

On motion the regular order for this evening at half past seven o'clock was dispensed with, and the hearing of the report of Committee on Orphan Home was made the special order of business for the hour.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Horn.

NINTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod convened and was opened in the use of the Vespers. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Darr.

The minutes were read and approved.

The special order was deferred to hear the following report of the Committee on Memoirs, which was adopted by a rising vote.

MEMORIAL.

REV. A. J. BROWN, D. D.,
DIED JULY 17, 1894.

REV. J. HAWKINS, D. D.,
DIED JULY 16, 1895.

COL. P. N. HEILIG,
DIED AUGUST 21, 1892.

As we are gathered in this convention we miss the familiar faces of three of our brethren who took part in the organization of the United Synod and have been members of every convention since it was founded. They were all strong men, true to the church of their fathers and of their choice, wise in counsel, faithful in duty, and loved and honored by their brethren. They were tried men and were found worthy of trust, each in his own way and sphere zealously did his work and was an ornament to our church and to our race. Grace made them noble specimens of true manhood. They were earnest christians, refined by years of fellowship with Christ and enriched by long service. They would have been with us to-day sharing our burdens but for the Master's call to a higher service and a more exalted joy. While we are deeply sensible of their absence, and mourn the loss of their valuable labors to the church, we cannot but be thankful that they were spared so many years, and rejoice that they have laid aside toil, have won the victory and have entered upon the rest for which they had so long prayed and fought. We desire to look up through our tears that we may see something of that new brightness with which they are clothed, and catch some notes

of the angelic harvest homes as they take their places in the assembly above; while we bear testimony to their worth and service here on earth.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., a member from the Holston Synod, of which he was one of the founders, a good scholar, a pleasant writer, a strong preacher, a superior teacher, and an able theologian. died at his home in Blountville, Tenn., in his seventy-eighth year. He served pastorates in North Carolina and in Tennessee. For several years he rendered important services to Church and State as a teacher. Early in life he was called to defend the distinctive doctrines of our Church and won the title of champion of the Lutheran faith in the South. The Church owes him a debt of gratitude for the important work he did in that day. He believed and loved these precious doctrines, embodied them in his life, and by them met death with a composure that won the admiration of all those who were witnesses of his last days.

Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., a member from the South Carolina Synod, of which he was a prominent member, died at home, near Prosperity, S. C., in his sixty-seventh year. He was educated at Lexington, served pastorates in South Carolina, the Church in Savannah, Ga., in Shepherdstown, Va., in Middletown, Md., and then again pastorates in South Carolina. He was for many years the able and popular editor of the Lutheran Visitor. He was author of a series of catechisms and wrote a number of monographs. He was a vigorous writer and a superior preacher, clear in his conceptions, decided in his convictions, fearless in his utterances, he defended with marked abllity what he conceived to be the truth. He grew in acquaintance with, and devotion to the real life and faith of the Lutheran Church. Catholic in spirit, he recognized the Christ-likeness in other churches, and condemned what he suspected of bigotry. He was a man of earnest piety and his life and his death were strong witnesses to the truth and power of our holy religion,

Col. P. N. Heilig, a member from the North Carolina Synod and an officer in the United Synod at the time of his death, died suddenly in his church, at Salisbury, N. C., in his sixty-fifth year. He was a man of fine character and of unquestionable devotion to his church. He was respected wherever he was known. No layman in his own Synod was more trusted and called more frequently to responsible positions. His influence was felt in every body of which he was a member. He gave his cordial support to every measure which the ecclesiastical authorities approved. He was untiring in his efforts for his own con-

gregation, but he kept himself acquainted with the general work of the Church. He was a wise counselor and his judgment carried weight in every assembly. The confidence and esteem in which he was held by the brethren of this Synod was expressed by making him the treasurer of the body. We feel his loss not less keenly than that of his clerical friends and brethren who followed him to the grave.

Resolved, That in testimony of the love we bore these departed brethren, and the esteem their characters and services commanded throughout our churches, we devote two pages of the Minutes to their memory.

L. A. FOX,
L. E. BUSBY,
C. A. MARKS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME.

We, your committee on the Orphan Home, had the following paper placed in our hands:

SALEM, VA., September 16, 1895.

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., President United Synod:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At a meeting of the Trustees of the South View Orphan Home, held January 11, 1894, the following action was taken:

"*Resolved*, That the South View Orphan Home, being now managed in the interests of our Southern Church, be placed in organic connection with the United Synod in the manner that may be found most practicable, at the next meeting of that body."

In behalf of the Executive Committee, who were charged with the duty of carrying out the action of the Trustees, I herewith lay the matter before you for such consideration and action as the Synod, in its wisdom, may deem best.

In addition to this letter, it gives me pleasure to place in your hands a copy of the catalogue of the Home, and also a circular of information, from which the principal facts concerning the history, management, and support of the Home may be learned.

Trusting that the action of the United Synod may increase the efficiency of the Home, I am,

Fraternally yours,

F. V. N. PAINTER.

In response to this communication, your Committee recommend:

1. That in response to this overture of the Trustees, we formally recognize the South View Orphan Home as the institution of the United Synod.

2. That a Committee be appointed to nominate the officers of the Home, and Trustees to fill the vacancies that now exist, or that may hereafter occur.

3. That the Home be required to submit a full report at each meeting of this body.

4. That we heartily commend to our people the support of the orphan work, recommend to our District Synods the appropriation of a definite sum for this purpose, and suggest as an aid in securing this amount, the appointment of an Orphan Home Day in our congregations and Sunday-schools.

5. The catalogue and circular of information has been placed in the hands of your Committee, showing that there are twenty children in the Home, under the care of a matron and a teacher. The general management of the Home is in the hands of an Executive Committee, appointed by the Trustees, consisting of Messrs. P. L. Terry, H. S. Trout, C. Markley, and Rev. Dr. F. V. N. Painter, who is Secretary of the Home. The financial statement shows that the management of the Home has been economical. The expense for each child for the current year does not exceed $75, which is from 25 to 50 per cent. less than in other similar institutions. The method of conducting the Home as indicated in the regulations is such in our judgment as will secure its continued efficiency and prosperity.

In reference to the question of the Committee on Minutes in relation to the offer of Mr. Terry (see pages 85–88 of last United Synod Minutes), we would report that said Committee secured from Mr. Terry a slight modification of his previous offer, but in view of the fact that some of the District Synods failed to comply with the conditions named therein, his offer was formally withdrawn. This withdrawal, however, does not affect the existing status of the Home. Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER,
G. W. HOLLAND,
W. L. SEABROOK.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following Committee was appointed charged with the duty of nominating officers of the Orphan Home; Rev. J. J. Scherer, Rev. H. F. Shealy and Mr. A. M. Bowman.

Synod again took up the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Items 4 to 10 were adopted and the report was adopted as a whole.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That a carefuully selected committee be appointed by our President to take into consideration the whole matter of Church Papers: that such committee confer with the publishers of our various papers and endeavor to secure unification on such terms as will be just to all, and that such committee be empowered to enter into any arrangement, not involving financial responsibility, which will secure a competent editor and bring the paper proposed into such relations with the United Synod as to make it, in some true and real sense, our organ, and, in some real sense, amenable to our authority, and that such arrangement be entered into as promptly as possible.

The following Committee was appointed under this resolution: Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. C. B. King, Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., and G. B. Cromer, Esq.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Our Colleges and Seminaries are the nurseries of the Church. To encourage and support them is to replenish the agencies that condition our existence and advancement. It is a singular fact, that as the financial stringency of our times has increased our literary institutions have flourished in increasing vigor: and that, at what we trust is the close of the most remarkable period of depression this country has witnessed, we can report an unprecedented prosperity of our Colleges and Seminaries. God is surely moving us along the lines of christian education, and not the least occasion of our devout thanksgiving is the measure of success that has attended the development of our institutions as they have struggled upward from obscurity and against adversity to their present high plane of influence and usefulness.

The only institutions within our territory that have sought recognition from us and placed documents of information in our hands are Roanoke College, Newberry College, Marion Female College, Staunton Female Seminary, and the Buena Vista College for Young Ladies. We have had no official reports from North Carolina College, Mount Amœna Female Seminary, Dallas College, Concordia College, Lenoir College, Wartburg Male and Female Seminary, and some others, but from published statements we have information of their increasing patronage and success. Of those to which our attention has been called we note the following:

1. Roanoke College, located in one of the most beautiful and healthful sections of Virginia, with an honorable history, excellent equipment, splendid library, an experienced and aggressive faculty, has made uninterrupted progress, and has recently opened its forty-third session with the largest enrollment of students for many years. None of our institutions is surrounded with more fervid and intense religious influences and none has exhibited a larger number of conversions in the student body. A thorough course of Bible study is taught, as well as the New Testament in Greek, and lectures upon the Augsburg Confession are given. One hundred and sixty-one students were registered during the last session.

2. Newberry College has made remarkable progress in the last ten years. From one main building there have been added three very comfortable professors' houses, one boarding hall, and a beautiful brick science hall, which, in architectural arrangement and finish, would be an ornament to any institution. A competent faculty, unsurpassed discipline, unexampled obedience of the students to authority, positive religious instruction in the Word of God, a complete curriculum, thoroughly executed, and a loyal alumni, which, in ability and usefulness would reflect credit upon any institution, all commend Newberry College to the patronage and support of the Southern Lutheran Church. No other College is so thoroughly identified with the Lutheran Church nor more immediately directed under Lutheran influences. One hundred and thirty-one students were enrolled during the last session, of whom 102 were in the Collegiate Department. There were 18 graduates.

3. The 23d session of Marion Female College opened with a prospect promising a year of unusually pleasant and profitable work. During the summer improvements have been made in the grounds and buildings, and the institution is prepared to do better work than ever before. The claims of this college upon the support of the Church rest upon its past history, its present advantages, and its future prospects. The College is under the control of the Synod of Southwest Virginia. The Catechism is taught, and the institution is distinctively Lutheran.

4. Staunton Female Seminary completed the session of 1894–'95 with an encouraging number of students, under an able faculty, and with assurance of continued progress. Ninety young ladies have graduated from this excellent institution, who adorn homes and communities in which they reside, from Pennsylvania to Texas, and from Ohio to Georgia. Owing, however, to the stress of unavoidable conditions, among which are the recent panic

arising from the small pox in this city, and the exagerated rumors that have spread throughout the territory from which the patronage was expected it has been deemed best to suspend the exercises of this Seminary: a fact which we feel sure will bring regret to all the members of the United Synod and to its numerous friends in other sections of the Church.

5. The Buena Vista College for Young Ladies is situated in one of the most picturesque regions of Virginia, in a town claiming an actual population of 3,500 citizens, aggressive and public spirited, and looking hopefully onward to a most promising future. The magnificent building of four stories, admirably constructed and arranged, and the fourteen acres of land belonging to the property make it one of the most desirable locations for a prosperous college of high grade for the education of the daughters of our church.

The Principal, Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., desires to make to this Synod, through our Committee, the following proposition:

If the United Synod will at this time recommend and sustain this institution to a sufficient number of pupils, a plan has been devised by which without the expenditure of a cent of money, or assuming any financial responsibility whatever, this property will, in a time determined by the patronage, be deeded to a Board of Trustees appointed by this body, to be controlled absolutely by them. This proposition is not designed to interfere with any other similar institution within our bounds. The property cost $100,000, has all modern conveniences, and is in every way adapted to the uses of a female college.

Your Committee respectfully submits this proposition to the consideration of this Synod.

J. B. FOX,
C. ARMAND MILLER,
W. G. REPASS.

The report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We find in our hands:

1. Petitions from the Southwest Virginia and Holston Synods asking for changes in the form and price of the Book of Worship. We recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on the Common Service.

2. A petition from the Southwest Virginia Synod asking for

the development of missions in their midst. We recommend that this be referred to the Board of Missions.

3. The Holston Synod asks for the adoption of a form of constitution for congregations in the Synods of this body. We recommend that a committee be appointed to comply with this request.

4. A petition from the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Tennessee as follows:

TOMS BROOK, VA., October 11, 1892.

From The Ev. Lutheran Tennessee Synod to The Ev. Lutheran United Synod in the South, Through her President:

Whereas, the action taken at the last meeting of the United Synod upon the Regulations for Work does not meet the approval of this Synod, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this body enters its protest against said action, and requests the United Synod to again consider and adopt the regulations as reported by the Committee to the Savannah meeting, and that the Secretary forward this action to the President of the United Synod. P. C. WIKE.

Recording Secretary of the Ev. Lutheran Tenn. Synod.

We recommend that for the peace of the Church it is unwise to open the discussion of the question at this time.

J. H. WILSON.
A. G. VOIGT,
C. A. MARKS,
M. CAUGHMAN.

Items 1 and 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Laid on the table.

Item 4. Recommendation adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion Hon. H. S. Trout was elected Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to inquire into the advisability of securing a native Japanese student, and, if practicable, to prepare him, as soon as possible, for the Mission work in his native land, by a full Collegiate and Theological course.

An appropriation of $25 was made to the Secretary for his services.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to purchase a new

Record Book, and to draw on the Treasury for a sufficient amount of money to pay for the same.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the District Synods be requested to send one or more copies of the Minutes of their respective Synods to the Secretary of this General Body as soon as said Minutes are published.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks of this Body to the members and friends of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church for the kind hospitality shown us during this convention of Synod.

NEXT CONVENTION.

On motion of Dr. Horn it was

Resolved, That when this Synod shall adjourn it adjourn to meet either in the Spring or Autumn of 1898 at the discretion of the officers of Synod, and that the selection of a place of meeting also be referred to them.

VISITORS TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., was elected fraternal visitor to the General Council, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., as alternate; and Rev. Geo. W. Holland, D. D., to the General Synod, Rev. Geo. H. Cox, alternate.

The Secretary was ordered to have 2,500 copies of the Minutes printed, upon the best terms available, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That if the balance in the Treasury be not sufficient to pay for the printing and distribution of the Minutes, the Secretary is hereby authorized to assess the District Synods to meet the deficit.

The Minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business, Synod adjourned to

meet at time and place to be selected by the officers of this Body.

I testify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Fifth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

M. G. G SCHERER,

Secretary.

CHARTER OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

[*Statutes at Large of South Carolina, Vol. XX, page 784.*]

No. 512. AN ACT to incorporate the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, that all those persons who now or may hereafter become members of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South" be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH."

SEC. 2. That the said Society shall be able and capable in law and equity to have, hold and receive, enjoy, possess and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be possessed of or in any wise entitled to, or which shall have been or shall hereafter be given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired, and to sell, alien or otherwise part with the same or any part thereof, as they shall deem proper or expedient.

SEC. 3. That the said Society shall by its proper name have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for its government and direction: and shall have power and authority to make rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the land, and to have, keep and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at will: to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any Court of law; and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

Approved December 24, A. D., 1890.

DIVINE SERVICES.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1895.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D.

4 P. M.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL SERVICE.

Addresses by Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., and Geo. B. Cromer, Esq.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. J. B. Fox, Ph. D.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. C. Armand Miller.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D.

METHODIST CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev A. G. Voigt, D. D.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. W. L. Seabrook.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. George H. Cox.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. J. E. Shenk.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. B. S. Brown.

BETHLEHEM EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. O. C. Miller.

PAROCHIAL TABLE.

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SYNODS.	Organized.	Ministers.	Churches.	Stations.	LOSSES. Death.	LOSSES. Certificate.	LOSSES. Excommunication and all others.	ACCESSIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ACCESSIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ACCESSIONS. Confirmation.	ACCESSIONS. Certificate.	ACCESSIONS. Restoration.	Communicant membership.	FINANCES. Estimated value of Church property.	FINANCES. Indebtedness.	FINANCES. Local expenses for all objects.
1. North Carolina	1803	34	57	1	67	183	133	303	31	326	204	8	7077	$201050 00	$9516 50	$19378 67
2. Tennessee*	1820	39	88	....	176	.....	.....	641	42	444	107	...	8432	.....	.....	16817 34
3. South Carolina	1824	30	66	10	172	115	9	454	51	361	153	...	7948	254400 00	11814 26	31980 08
4. Virginia	1829	27	72	17	77	46	19	125	129	157	75	1	6208	214250 00	6120 30	22190 53
5. Southwest Virginia	1842	19	58	20	41	70	2	134	200	166	80	4	4311	168525 00	24410 00	10797 49
6. Mississippi	1855	8	14	....	7	11	.....	26	35	9	27	...	712	.....	.....	.....
7. Georgia*	1860	12	16	....	29	7	.....	92	16	100	43	....	1856	126214 00	387 23	9786 07
8. Holston*	1861	8	21	9	11	3	.....	106	4	65	20	....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Reports for 1894.

PAROCHIAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

SYNODS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.						BENEVOLENCE.									
	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Members of Children's Missionary Society.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Orphans' Home.	Pastor's Fund.	External Objects.	Total Benevoleuce.
1. N. C	48	4	660	5125	$1761 63		$272 59	$601 98	$279 27	$138 72	$146 37	$863 03	$75 33		$614 64	$3017 08
2. Tenn*	63		345	3944			649 80	476 24	25 50							951 54
3. S. C	59		607	4704	5114 70		1363 06	536 96	419 97		341 50	499 49	117 38	$116 67	2419 98	5674 72
4. Va							210 97	1098 68	1318 03		300 23	407 64	505 71		3692 69	7533 95
5. Sw. Va	45	18	533	3901	609 71		657 78	198 95	76 39		49 20	771 40	149 98		321 50	2371 91
6. Miss	9		27	314			20 85									
7. Ga*	16		185	1381	936 20		69 77	962 40	160 25			476 87			64 47	1663 67
8. Hol*	5		45	597												

* Reports for 1894.

Grand total: North Carolina Synod, $22,423.04; Tennessee, $17,768.88; South Carolina, $42,669.50; Virginia, $29,724.48: Southwest Virginia, $13,189.64; Georgia, $11.029.32. Sum total, $_____.

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TREASURER—CHAS. H. DULS, ESQ., CHARLOTTE, N. C.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, J. E. Cooper, Esq., G. M. Beltzhoover, Esq., and J. A. Alexander, Esq.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Winston, N. C., Wednesday before the third Sunday in May, 1900.

MINUTES

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Evang. Luth. Church in the South.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South met in its sixth regular convention in Luther Chapel church, Newberry, S. C., on Wednesday, May 11, 1898, at 3 o'clock p. m. The synodical sermon was preached by the President, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., from the text Heb. 12, 1, 2, which was followed by the holy communion.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1898—4.30 P. M.

The Synod was formally opened according to the usages of the church.

Delegates-elect from the several district Synods were reported present and enrolled as follows:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. L. E. Busby, Rev. C. L. T. Fisher, Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph. D., Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Rev. C. B. Miller, Rev. J. Q. Wertz, Rev. V. R. Stickley.

LAY— ———

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. P. Miller, Rev. J. L. Cromer, Rev. J. A. Cromer, Rev. A. R. Beck.

LAY—Mr. C. M. Efird, Mr. J. H. Koon.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Rev. J. A. Sligh, Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh, Rev. C. P. Boozer.

LAY—Prof. Geo. B. Cromer, Dr. D. L. Boozer, Mr. J. D. Cappelmann, Mr. Wm. P. Houseal, Mr. R. G. Chisholm, Capt. J. W. Jenny, Capt. J. C. Seegers, Mr. A. H. Kohn.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. H. F. Scheele, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. J. A. Morehead, Rev. C. A. Freed.

LAY—Mr. J. E. Cooper, J. A. Alexander, Esq.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. B. Greiner, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.

LAY—E. L. Greever, Esq., Mr. H. P. Copenhaver, G. B. Morehead, Esq.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., Rev. S. S. Rahn, Ph. D.

LAY—Mr. J. M. Gnann.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

LAY—J. D. Wolford, Esq.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

LAY—Mr. J. B. Derrick.

The President read his report, which was held for reference to committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our meeting on this the eleventh of May, 1898, in Newberry, S. C., is by the decision of the officers of this body under authority conferred upon them by the convention held in Staunton, Va., September, 1895.

As chosen representatives of the several Synods, and as members of the United Synod, you have come together upon business of great importance. A due sense of our responsibility, in view of the possible consequences of our enactments upon the future of our Lutheran church in the South, will admonish us to seek closer fellowship with

each other, to cherish increased fraternal confidence and co-operation, and to join in fervent prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

THE LUTHERAN DIET.

Your attention is respectfully called to the action of both the General Synod and the General Council providing for a general conference or diet. The proposition to hold such diet has been endorsed by these general bodies, and Dr. Henry E. Jacobs of the General Council and Dr. S. W. Owen of the General Synod have been chosen to unite with appointees of other general bodies to arrange for the diet proposed. These representatives inform me that they are awaiting the action of the United Synod. Should you endorse this movement, which has grown out of the co-operative measures in which we have participated, it will be proper to appoint at this convention a representative of the United Synod to unite with the representatives above named in effecting arrangements for the diet.

CO-OPERATION.

In obedience to resolution, recorded on page 59 of Minutes of last convention, I appointed, February 19, 1896, Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn and Rev. George H. Cox to be associated with the President, as Committee on Fraternal Co-operation. This committee met with similar committees of the General Synod and General Council in the city of Washington, April 22, 1896. Dr. L. G. M. Miller, Vice-President, by request, acted for the President, and was present at the meeting of the committee. A report of the action taken will be formally presented to this body.

COMMON SERVICE COMMITTEE.

The removal and resignation of Dr. Edward T. Horn, the chairman of the Committee on Common Service, suggests the need at this convention of reorganizing such committee. This is made necessary by the difficulty of gathering from the Minutes of our former conventions the constituency of the committee; and the perpetuation of the committee is requisite in view of the fact that the copyright of the Common Service is vested in the Joint Common Service Committee of the three general bodies. The proposition before each of the three general bodies in regard to the one common Book of Worship calls furthermore for the continuation of this committee.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK OF WORSHIP.

The contract between the United Synod and Mr. W. J. Duffie for the publication of the Book of Worship, having expired by limitation on the first day of October, 1897, whereupon, upon certain conditions, the "stereotype plates, copyright, and all appurtenances thereto be-

longing" became the property of the United Synod, I as your President gave Mr. Duffie due notice, and complied with the necessary conditions for terminating said contract, that the United Synod might be placed in a position to enter into such further or new arrangement for the publication of the Book of Worship as might be deemed best.

By special agreement, however, the contract with Mr. Duffie has been allowed to run to May 1, 1898. It becomes necessary that the United Synod take present action for the future publication of the Book of Worship. The copyright of the Book of Worship, the contract made with Mr. Duffie, and also Mr. Duffie's report as publisher, are herewith filed.

CONCLUSION.

Matters committed to the management of the Boards of Missions, home and foreign, the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and other boards and committees will come before you in due form. May the Lord grant us wisdom, united with faith, hope, and love, to meet the sacred responsibilities devolved upon us the chosen and trusted representatives of our Lutheran church in the South, and the accredited custodians of the heritage and faith of our fathers.

Very respectfully, ROBERT C. HOLLAND.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. B. Greiner.
Vice-President—Rev. H. S. Wingard.
Secretary—Rev. M. G. G. Scherer.
Treasurer—C. H. Duls, Esq.

The newly elected officers were properly inducted into office.

The hours of meeting and adjournment of Synod from time to time were fixed as follows: From 9.30 a. m. to 1.30 p. m., and from 4 to 6 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the following were received as advisory members of this body: Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D., Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. J. C. Seegers, Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. J. Austin, Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., Rev. Prof. W. K. Sligh, Rev. Prof. A. J. Bowers, Rev. Chas. Edw. Keller, Rev. S. C. Ballentine, Rev. Geo. S. Bearden, Rev. J. B. Fox, Ph. D., Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary Board of

Missions and Church Extension, Rev. P. D. Risinger, Rev. G. A. Riser.

Rev. Charles Edward Keller, of Akron, Ohio, having presented properly certified credentials, was received as fraternal representative from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States of America to this body.

On motion, the hour of half-past ten o'clock on Friday morning was set apart as the time for hearing representatives of other general bodies.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

At 8.30 p. m., divine services were held and addresses on the subject of Christian Education were delivered by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer and Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9.30 A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer. The roll was called and absentees noted. The minutes of the first session were read and approved.

On motion, Revs. E. P. McClintoc and A. G. Kirkpatrick of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, Rev. C. W. Creighton of the M. E. church, and Rev. J. L. Williamson of the Presbyterian church were invited to seats within the bar of Synod.

Revs. H. P. Counts and J. D. Kinard were received as advisory members.

The Secretary read the Rules of Order.

On motion, the Minutes of the last convention were referred to committee.

The reading of the Treasurer's Report was deferred until this afternoon owing to the absence of the Treasurer.

On motion, the first five pews nearest the President's chair were made to constitute the bar of Synod.

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *President's Report.*—Revs. J. A. Morehead, V. R. Stickley, J. L. Derrick, and Mr. J. W. Jenny.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. M. M. Kinard and Messrs. C. M. Efird and J. M. Gnann.

3. *On District Synods.*—Revs. J. P. Miller, W. H. Greever, and Mr. D. L. Boozer.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. H. F. Scheele, S. T. Hallman, J. L. Cromer, W. A. Lutz, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and J. D. Heilig.

5. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Rev. A. G. Voigt and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary.*—Revs. R. C. Holland, W. L. Seabrook, H. S. Wingard, C. A. Marks, L. E. Busby, and Mr. J. H. Koon.

7. *On Literary Institutions.*—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and J. Q. Wertz.

8. *On Missions.*—Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, L. A. Fox, J. H. Wilson, A. R. Beck, C. L. T. Fisher, and Messrs. E. L. Greever and J. D. Cappelmann.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. H. P. Copenhaver and J. B. Derrick.

10. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. S. S. Rahn, H. N. Miller, C. A. Freed, and Messrs. Wm. P. Houseal and G. B. Morehead.

11. *On Church Literature.*—Revs. F. V. N. Painter, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, and Prof. Geo. B. Cromer.

The following special committee was appointed :

COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME.

Revs. J. J. Scherer, C. B. Miller, and Mr. R. G. Chisholm.

The Report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was read and referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Herewith is presented a narrative of the Board's proceedings since the meeting of the United Synod in Staunton, Virginia, in September of 1895. At that meeting the following persons were elected a Board of Missions and Church Extension: Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., L. L. Smith, W. L. Seabrook, and C. Armand Miller; J. E. Cooper, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, and Hon. H. S. Trout. At a later date, on account of the removal from our territory of Rev. C. Armand Miller, Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt was elected a member of the Board.

At a special meeting of the Board immediately after the adjournment of the Synod at Staunton, a formal organization was effected by the election of Rev. L. L. Smith, president, and Mr. J. E. Cooper, treasurer, and the re-election of Rev. L. K. Probst, secretary and general secretary of the Board. The Revs. L. L. Smith and W. L. Seabrook and Mr. J. E. Cooper were designated as an executive committee. Four regular meetings of the Board have been held, as follows: At Staunton, September 23, 1895; at Winchester, April 28, 1896; at Winchester, April 6, 1897; at Roanoke, June 11, 1897. Meetings of the Executive Committee have been held whenever the work demanded.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SYNOD.

This Synod at its last meeting made the following recommendations:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whitsunday and the second Sunday in November, for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. That each district Synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked

from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the home and foreign work of the Board of Missions.

These recommendations have been repeatedly brought to the attention of the district Synods, and six Synods have adopted them in full. The Tennessee Synod has not adopted these recommendations, but voted to co-operate in the work, and to earnestly recommend it to their pastors and people.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

The General Secretary has continued to make Atlanta, Ga., his headquarters, and he has in addition to his other work regularly ministered to the mission congregation at this point. He has visited annually all the district Synods, except the Mississippi Synod, and all the women's conventions. As a rule he has gone at least once each year to the missions under the care of the Board, and he has carried on the correspondence incident to the home work. He has also attended and kept a record of all Board meetings, and from time to time furnished information for publication. Circular letters and personal letters to pastors have frequently been sent, and about 10,000 envelopes for special collections have been sent out to societies and congregations.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

The Women's Missionary Societies of the North and South Carolina and the Southwestern Virginia Synods, and individual societies in some of the other Synods, have continued to cordially co-operate with the Board in the general mission work. Almost all the money raised by these societies now comes into our treasury, it being understood that the money paid to the Board by Women's Societies shall be counted to make up the apportionment of the Synod to which the society belongs, and that any congregation so desiring can pay its proportionate part of general mission money through its women's society. These organizations have for some time past used one page each month in the *Lutheran Visitor* as a missionary page, and interesting and valuable information has in this way been given to the church at large. The annual conventions held by the women have been well attended, full and interesting programs have been carried out, and much good has no doubt been accomplished by them in developing interest in this work.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

Special and successful effort has been made in several of the Synods to organize Children's Missionary Societies, and attention has been given to the request of this general body for the appointment of one Sunday in each quarter as a Missionary Sunday. We have

reason to believe that interest in mission work is growing among the children of our church.

HOME MISSIONS.

In connection with the Home Mission work we present the following details:

When this Board went into office the following missions were put under its control and direction by the former Board: Augusta, Ga.; First church, Richmond, and Trinity, Richmond; Winston, N. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Asheville, N. C.; and the missions at Bristol, Greeneville, Johnson City, and Morristown in East Tennessee. The Board decided that its policy would be to continue in the main the work at these points along the lines marked out by its predecessors, as stated in the last report to this body.

AUGUSTA, GA.

The payment of $15 on the salary of the missionary at Augusta was continued until early in 1896, when a change of pastors took place. The Board desiring to decrease, and if possible to be entirely relieved from, its payment to this mission, made certain propositions to the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Synod concerning the selection of a new pastor. A satisfactory agreement not being reached, the Board declined to make any further payment on the salary of the Augusta pastor. This mission has therefore been entirely supported since that time by its own membership, aided by the South Carolina Synod. Very gratifying progress has been made in the work of this church, of which the Rev. M. O. J. Kreps is now pastor. The unprovided debt is now only $600, and the enrolled membership is 170, and in the Sunday-school there are 140 enrolled teachers and scholars.

FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND.

The policy of the Board has been to decrease as rapidly as possible its obligation to this mission. In this effort it was heartily seconded by the pastor Rev. J. A. Morehead and the congregation, and from the first of September, 1897, the congregation has been self-sustaining as far as salary is concerned. The debt on the property is still as reported at the last meeting of this body, viz., $4,800, besides the claim of $2,500 held by the Virginia Synod and a note of $1,000 held by this Board. At the beginning of the administration of the present Board it adhered to the policy of its predecessors to sell if possible the entire property, pay off the debts, and aid the congregation in building a church in another location. Later developments indicate the wisdom of retaining the present site and aiding the congregation in constructing thereon such improvements as are necessary for the

proper prosecution of their growing work. The internal affairs of the congregation are in very satisfactory condition. The enrolled membership of the congregation is now 257 and 215 in the Sunday-school.

TRINITY, RICHMOND.

The Board has not found it either possible or advisable to put a pastor at Trinity mission in Richmond. A Sunday-school has been regularly conducted under the efficient management of Mr. J. J. Umlauf. The Board has advised the fifteen members of this mission to connect themselves with the First church and that the Sunday-school be continued.

WINSTON, N. C.

The Board has paid in full the balance of $1,000, due on the pledge of $4,000 originally made to this mission. It continues to assist the congregation to the extent of $41.67 monthly on salary. Owing to removals from the city, the congregation has been decreased somewhat since our last report, and the enrolled membership is now ninety-four, with eighty-two scholars and teachers in the Sunday-school. Rev. W. A. Lutz has continued to labor faithfully in this field.

NORFOLK, VA.

The work in Norfolk has made gratifying progress during the past two years and a half. Rev. J. E. Shenk is still the pastor. The membership has increased to 116, and there are seventy-five enrolled in the Sunday-school. The church property has been handsomely renovated and improved by the congregation. The Board has paid on the purchase price of the property $3,000, its full pledge to this mission. The Board is still obligated for the amount of $2,500, which was borrowed to purchase the property now owned by the congregation, and the interest on said loan.

ATLANTA, GA.

The arrangement by which the Secretary of the Board gave his unemployed time to the work in Atlanta has been continued. Regular services have been held weekly with but few interruptions. There have been some losses in membership, owing to removals from the city. The membership now numbers sixty-five, with thirty-five in the Sunday-school. They have regularly paid about $20 on salary and the current expenses, monthly. The Board has adhered to its desire to erect a church in Atlanta and its promise to use $5,000 for that purpose, upon the compliance by the congregation with certain conditions imposed by the Board. Up to this time the resources of

the Board have been too meagre to justify the fulfillment of its pledge. A conditional plan has been proposed, which has met the approval of the Board, which will enable the accomplishment of its desire, if the membership of the United Synod faithfully respond to this imperative need. A subscription is now being raised in Atlanta for the purchase of a lot, and about $1,000 is now in sight for this purpose, and $600 of the amount needed for the erection of a church has already been promised.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

The mission congregation was unfortunate in losing the services of Rev. L. E. Busby in the summer of 1896. Rev. C. B. King succeeded him as missionary at this place, and he served the Board acceptably until the fall of 1897. Since that time no regular pastor has been in charge of the work. Arrangements have been made to secure the services of Rev. C. Brown Cox for this mission, and he will take charge of the work in a short time. The congregation, numbering forty members, with thirty-five enrolled in the Sunday-school, will pay $15, and the Board will supplement this by a payment of $20 monthly.

THE EAST TENNESSEE MISSIONS.

Since our last report the Board has continued the work in East Tennessee. Rev. F. M. Harr serves the mission at Greeneville, at which point a neat and comfortable church has been erected at a cost of about $2,000, of which amount the Board paid $284.50, and the congregation with some help from the Holston Synod has paid the balance with the exception of about $600, which amount rests as a debt upon the mission. The membership is now twenty-seven, with a Sunday-school of eighteen teachers and scholars.

During the summer of 1897, Rev. Dr. J. C. Barb expressed a desire to discontinue his work at Morristown, and arrangements were therefore made with the Holston Synod to put this point into a pastorate with two other churches. The services of Rev. C. M. Fox were secured, and he has served this charge since January 1st, 1898. The congregation at Morristown numbers twenty-seven, with thirty-five in the Sunday-school; and the Board pays $10 monthly on the salary.

Owing to removals from the place the work at Johnson City was discontinued in the fall of 1897, and only future circumstances will determine whether this point will again be taken up. No expense had been incurred at this place for a lot or church.

Bristol, Tenn., has been placed into a pastorate with two country churches, and at present negotiations are pending looking to the securing of a missionary for this territory.

THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA MISSIONS.

For several years the Southwest Virginia Synod has been unable to carry on its own mission work and also pay the amount asked of it by the United Synod. The request was therefore made that Bluefield, Graham, Pulaski and Radford be taken under the care and control of this Board, in order that the Synod might be able with the aid of its women's convention to pay in full its apportionment as designated by this United Synod. The Board carefully considered this proposition and agreed to it. Therefore since August of 1897 the above named points have been under the care of this Board. Rev. J. A. Huffard is pastor at Pulaski and Radford, where there are eighty-nine and twenty-six members respectively. The Board pays $16.66 monthly to these points. Rev. W. H. Greever is the pastor at Bluefield, where there are fifty-nine members, and to this point the Board pays $25 monthly. Arrangements have been made with Rev. C. L. Brown to take charge of the work at Graham immediately after his graduation from the Philadelphia Seminary, next month, the Board agreeing to pay $200 a year on his salary. At Graham there is a resident membership of about forty-five, and as many in the Sunday-school. At all these places except Graham the congregations have comfortable church buildings.

FITZGERALD, GA.

In the fall of 1896 work was begun in the new colony town of Fitzgerald, Ga. The Rev. H. F. Long, who was a member of the colony, organized under the direction of the Board a Lutheran congregation with fourteen members, and this number has now increased to twenty-three, with a Sunday-school of forty-five teachers and scholars. Before the organization of the congregation a lot was bought by the Board, but it has been decided that another location will better suit the needs of the work, and Rev. Mr. Long has therefore at his own expense secured another site and erected thereon a small church. He is willing to turn this property over to the Board on very liberal terms, taking in part payment our vacant lot, and thus with the expenditure of a couple hundred dollars we will be able to secure for our congregation in Fitzgerald a desirable lot and church building. The work up to this time has been carried on with an expense to the Board of only $5 a month, as Rev. Mr. Long has given his services almost gratuitously. The congregation belongs to the Georgia Synod.

THE ALABAMA MISSION.

The work in Georgia and Alabama, known as the "Alabama Mission," was referred by the Tennessee Synod to this Board, and after investigation it was taken up. Services were conducted at three

points—at Tallapoosa, Ga., and at Zion and St. Michael's churches in Alabama. Revs. D. A. Sox and D. J. Settlemyre, of the Tennessee Synod, acted as missionaries. The work was carried on at first at an expense of $25 monthly, but the expense was afterwards reduced to $15, and then to $10 a month. At present the work is without a regular pastor in charge, but an effort is being made to secure a man for this field. The Rev. F. W. Dahlman, a German minister, has built a small but comfortable church in Tallapoosa, which he is willing to sell on easy payments to the Board for $475. This to include, of course, the church lot.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

In this growing city of about 16,000 inhabitants, there is a communicant membership in all churches of only 1,200. Much urgent pressure has been brought to bear upon the Board to take up work in this city. At its convention in August, 1897, the Virginia Synod proposed to make official request of the Board looking to this end. At the suggestion of members of the Board on the floor of the Synod, action was suspended pending investigation by the Board. Rev. J. E. Shenk, pastor at Norfolk, was authorized to canvass the city. His report justified the Board in requesting him to hold occasional services for the Lutherans whom he had found in Newport News. This he has done throughout the winter and spring. More than forty Lutherans have been found to form the nucleus of a congregation to be organized. The President of the Board recently was sent to Newport News to make thorough investigation of the outlook and need. It is the Board's confident belief, with all the facts before it, that if the work is undertaken here and pushed with the same earnestness as at Norfolk, equal results will be secured.

GREENSBORO AND LEXINGTON, N. C.

The work at Greensboro and Lexington, N. C., has been referred to this Board, and negotiations are pending looking to the locating of a missionary on this territory at an early day.

SUMMARY.

In order to give a correct idea of the work which has been done and is now being done by the Board since the organization of the United Synod in 1886, we have arranged the facts narrated in this report into a statistical table, including in this table, in order to complete the record, the churches at Augusta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn., which are not now aided by the Board. These statistics show that about twenty missions have been organized or aided by this Board. In these missions there are at present more than 1,300 communicant members, about 1,100 Sunday-school scholars, and church property

valued at $75,000. There are at present nine missionaries in the employment of the Board, with two under appointment, and four more are now needed to carry on the work already begun or contemplated. At least seven new mission churches are now or will in the near future be needed at points where operations have already been commenced.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF MISSIONS ORGANIZED OR AIDED BY THE BOARD SINCE 1886.

STATIONS.	MEMBERS		Value of Property.	DEBT.		MONTHLY SAL.		REMARKS.
	Congregation.	Sunday-School.		Congregation.	Board.	Congregation.	Board.	
Knoxville, Tenn . .	91	112	$10000	. . .	. .	$75 00	. . .	Self-sustaining.
Augusta, Ga	170	140	12500	$ 600	. .	. . .	. . .	Aided by S. C. Synod.
Richmond, 1st ch'rch	257	212	15000	7300	. .	83 33	. . .	Self-sustaining.
Richmond, Trinity..	15	50	1500	800	. .	. . .	. . .	
Winston, N. C. . . .	94	85	12000	1000	. .	33 33	$41 66	Debt provided for.
Norfolk, Va	116	90	6000	1000	. .	50 00	40 00	Debt provided for.
Atlanta, Ga	65	35	. . .	. . .	. .	20 00	. . .	Church needed.
Asheville, N. C.. . .	45	40	. . .	. . .	. .	15 00	20 00	Church needed.
Bristol, Tenn	16	. .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	10 00	
Greeneville, Tenn .	27	18	2500	600	. .	5 00	10 00	
Morristown, Tenn .	27	35	2500	800	. .	10 00	10 00	
Fitzgerald, Ga . . .	23	45	200	. . .	. .	. . .	5 00	
Zion, Ala	15	30	1000	. . .	. .	2 00	5 00	
St. Michael's, Ala..	45	30	1500	. . .	. .	2 00	5 00	
Tallapoosa, Ga . . .	20	20	500	. . .	. .	. . .	. .	
Pulaski, Va	89	30	5000	. . .	. .	17 00	16 66	Salary paid by both missions.
Radford, Va	18	. .	2000	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	
Bluefield, W. Va. .	59	40	3000	. . .	. .	25 00	25 00	
Graham, Va	45	45	. . .	. . .	. .	16 00	17 00	Church needed.
Greensboro, N. C . .	30	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	To be organized.
Lexington, N. C . . .	25	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	To be organized.
Newport News, Va .	40	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	To be organized.
Total.	1332	1037	$75200	$12100	$2500	. . .	. . .	

APPORTIONMENTS OF SYNODS.

In order to carry out the direction of the United Synod to "apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000, and for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500, annually," the Board made an equable apportionment of these amounts among our Synods, and an earnest effort has been made to collect these apportionments. Monthly receipts have been published by our Treasurer, and a statement was sent out by the Executive Committee at the end of the first year, showing what had been paid by each Synod up to that time, and asking for more hearty co-operation on the part of congregations in all the Synods. From some quarters responses have been very liberal, and we wish here publicly

to return thanks to all who have assisted in raisiug the money which has been used in carrying on our operations. We regret however that the Treasurer's statement shows that we have come far short of the mark which we have set up for both the Home and Foreign work. We herewith give the apportionments and the responses by Synods for the two years and seven months, which exhibits all the receipts from the various district Synods for that time.

HOME MISSIONS.

APPORTIONMENTS.		RESPONSES.	
Virginia Synod	$ 3642 00	*Virginia Synod . . .	$ 3848 71
S. W. Va. Synod. . . .	2490 00	S. W. Va. Synod . . .	1008 44
North Carolina Synod	4507 00	†North Carolina Synod	1641 79
South Carolina Synod	4352 00	South Carolina Synod	2530 31
Holston Synod	1290 00	Holston Synod	312 07
Georgia Synod	1270 00	Georgia Synod	976 79
Tennessee Synod . . .	4172 00	Tennessee Synod . . .	134 01
Mississippi Synod . .	448 00	Mississippi Synod . . .	20 00
Total	$22171 00	Total	$10472 12

NEEDS OF THE WORK.

From the statements above made it is evident that the work of our church in the home mission field in the South constantly increases. It can readily be seen that with an increasing work more money will also constantly be needed—more missionaries are to be paid, more churches are to be built, and other necessary expenses constantly grow. Arguing from the progress which is being made in all parts of the South, and the growth of our church in this territory, there can be no doubt that in the future there will be greater need for increased liberality on the part of our people, if as a church we are to take advantage of all the opportunities of growth presented to us. If liberality shall so increase that our Synods will be able to pay in full their apportionments, then the Board will be able to pay all its current and increasing obligations, and to build the needed churches. That it is possible for the apportionments to be paid in full is evident when we look at what has been done by individual churches. It is to be desired therefore that our ministers and people shall be more deeply impressed with the responsibility which rests upon them in this matter. It is important that our ideas of what our people can do should be enlarged. By means of proper thought and information some proper basis of consecration must be put into their hearts. They must be reminded that all their possessions are God's, and that

*Exclusive of Mr. Crickenberger's bequest and inclusive of the pledges to Norfolk to the amount of $1363.04.

† Inclusive of the Winston pledge.

He who has done so much for them both temporally and spiritually calls them to this work of the extension of His church. Liberality along all lines of Christian work must be encouraged and enlarged in order that these special objects may receive due attention.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—JAPAN.

The Staunton convention committed to this Board certain problems requiring decision, affecting the future work and policy of the mission, and, having prayerfully and earnestly entered upon our duties, the Board now presents this report of their actions for the consideration and approval of this body. The Board has conscientiously and to their best ability not alone decided the grave issues inherited from the former Board, but the intricate questions constantly arising in the conduct of foreign missions.

THE RETURN OF REV. R. B. PEERY.

This Synod will recall the relation of Mr. Peery to the Board and the mission, and the question of his employment by the Board and return to Japan which was referred to us for decision. The Board thoroughly examined the record of the former Board and its actions, a close and searching examination of Mr. Peery, who appeared before the Board, was had, and, after hours given to its consideration, the resolution was adopted to re-commission Mr. Peery, and have him return at once to Japan. Mr. Peery, after visiting some of the churches, sailed with his wife for Japan from San Francisco, October 22, 1895, and arrived at Saga, Japan, November 18, 1895. The wisdom of this decision has become apparent to the Board and its judgment confirmed by the events and history of the Japan mission for the past two and a half years. The full proceedings of this meeting of the Board were published at the time in the church papers for the information of the church.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

In the early months of our appointment the question that the Board adopt a rule, allowing $100 increase of salary for each child of the missionaries, was urged upon the Board by the missionaries. This increase of salary was asked of the former Board and committed to us for decision. The rule and practice of the other Boards doing foreign work was urged as a guide for us, and that the allowance was necessary for the comfortable support of the missionary and his family. The Board, after a frank and full consideration of this question, appreciating the views and reasons presented by the brethren in Japan, together with the rule of the Boards of other denominations, decided not to grant the allowance and thereby establish the principle involved. The reasons leading to this declination of the

request were given fully in a letter to the missionaries, dated January 7, 1896.

SALARY OF MISSIONARY PEERY.

When Mr. Peery as a single man was sent out by the former Board, the congregation of Grace church, Winchester, pledged to pay his salary, it being $750 per annum. Though the pledge was for that sum annually, when Mr. Peery was re-commissioned for the Japan field, and, having married, his salary thereby becoming $1050 per annum, the said congregation assumed the increased amount necessary for his salary, which they have each month regularly and promptly paid into the treasury of the Board. The spirit and example of this congregation should provoke other congregations to consecrated interest in the foreign work.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING OF NATIVE HELPERS.

The method of the training and preparation of our native helpers is a subject of profound importance. The future of our work in Japan largely depends on what is done in this way. The Board, after getting the views of our missionaries and giving the subject careful consideration, decided to insist that for the present our missionaries should teach the students for the ministry. With reluctance the brethren there took up this work, not because they did not realize its importance, but the difficulties besetting the work in lack of text-books in Japanese and having their hours already occupied with manifold duties. The Board permitted the two missionaries to arrange the schedule of studies and the allotment of the teaching, and it is gratifying to us to state that the reports rendered of this work have been exceedingly encouraging. The course arranged was thorough and on a Lutheran basis, Mr. Scherer teaching Church History and Exegesis, and Mr. Peery Didactic and Practical Theology, and since Mr. Scherer's return the instruction has been done solely by Mr. Peery. From a list of examination questions given the candidates and sent the Board, the instruction has been thorough. As a result of this work, our force of native helpers will be now increased by men of our own training, and the Board has already authorized Mr. Peery to employ these brethren as soon as they complete the course in the work of the mission. It is proper here to record the fact that St. John's church, Charleston, supported Koike San and Christ church, Staunton, Dr. Totsuka, during this period of training, as their students for the ministry. The Board may say for information to the church that our students were never sent to Reformed schools for training, and the Board never seriously considered such a policy. It is the deep and abiding conviction of the Board

that our work in Japan must be strictly on the lines of true Lutheran teaching, not because it is Lutheran, but because in so doing the work rests on the Word of God. Japan, like America, has many voices presenting every imaginable phase of teaching—rationalism, Unitarianism, &c., and the hope of our work, permanent and far-reaching, is to build it on the simple truth of our own Confessions.

RETURN TO AMERICA AND RESIGNATION OF REV. J. A. B. SCHERER.

In July, 1896, the Board was informed of the serious condition of the health of Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, and early in that month he left Saga, for Sapporo, a health resort in the mountains, hoping the change would restore him. Dr. Henry Hartshorne, an eminent specialist, pronounced his trouble congestion of the brain and prescribed rest for him. In August, on the advice of his physician, he resigned his position in the Government school at Saga, of which action the Board communicated to him its cordial approval. This was done to lessen his labors the coming year, preferring to give his time and strength solely to the mission. Remaining in Sapporo until about October 1st, he went to Tokyo for a few weeks, hoping then to return to Saga about November 1st, to take up his labors.

The Board sincerely hoped the rest and change would restore Mr. Scherer, but in November the following letter and certificates were received, in which Mr. S. requested that he be permitted to return to America. The Board granted his request. The letter and certificates are here given :

8 TSUKIJI, TOKYO, OCTOBER 19, 1896.

REV. L. L. SMITH,

PRESIDENT LUTHERAN BOARD OF MISSIONS, STRASBURG, VA.,

Dear Sir :—Mr. Scherer received your kind sympathetic letter yesterday. It did us both good, coming as it did at a crisis. Mr. Scherer is worse since he came to Tokyo. He improved at Sapporo ; but leaving that bracing air has told on his health as the enclosed certificate shows.

No one could be more surprised at the turn of affairs than Mr. Scherer, but under the circumstances, we feel that there is nothing to be done but to follow the Doctor's advice, and apply for means to return to America at once. It is for this purpose we write. Dr. Macdonald is an eminent physician, having the confidence and patronage of all the foreign residents of Tokyo. He is himself an ordained minister. As this is a matter of great importance, we enclose a note concerning Dr. Macdonald, written by a well known third party, Dr. T. T. Alexander of the Presbyterian Mission. All Mr. Scherer's friends agree that a trip home is necessary. Mr. Swift (Y. M. C. A. Sec.) is especially earnest in urging him to go home, as he experienced the same trouble. We ourselves cannot but think that going home is positively necessary. While my husband deeply regrets the necessity of this demand upon you, he is comforted somewhat by the facts that he has earned 3,000 yen ($1,500) for the use of the mission by his work in the Saga school, and that his services have already extended over a period of five years. * * * * So we will arrange to leave Japan, December 25th, hoping that you will let us hear from you as soon as possible. Yours sincerely,

MRS. SCHERER.

The Board will please regard the above as a letter from me, as it was written by my suggestion, and with my entire approval.

Tokyo, Japan, October 19, 1896. J. A. B. SCHERER.

4 TSUKIJI, TOKYO, JAPAN, OCTOBER 19, 1896.

The Rev. Mr. Scherer has been suffering for some time from head trouble (* * *), which entirely incapacitates him for work. This ailment is quite common in Japan, and is the cause of a large proportion of the missionary breakdowns.

The recovery will involve a long period, say a year, of complete rest. In this case, I deem a change of conditions and climate essential. I therefore recommend that Mr. Scherer go to America on furlough, as soon as arrangements for going can be made. D. MACDONALD, M. D.

Dr. D. Macdonald who has given Mr. Scherer's certificate is an entirely competent physician who has been in Japan for more than twenty years, and who has had a very wide experience with missionaries of different Boards and different nationalities. His certificates are recognized by all Boards having representatives of long standing in this country. T. T. ALEXANDER,

Tokyo, Japan, October 19, 1896. *Am. Presbyterian Mission.*

Mr. Scherer left Japan, January 10, 1897, and arrived in this country February 10, 1897. After recuperating at New Concord, Ohio, and Laurinburgh, N. C., he requested that the Board grant him a conference which was held at Winchester, April 6, 1897. The Japan Mission in every phase was considered at this conference, together with the position of Mr. Scherer and his health. At that conference Mr. Scherer tendered his written resignation, stating as his reasons: 1, health; 2, lack of means. It was with deep regret that the Board accepted his resignation, and the loss of his services to our mission is keenly felt by all interested in this great work. Mr. Scherer had inaugurated the mission at Saga, and his labors had been eminently successful, and to Mr. Scherer no less than the Board his resignation caused the deepest regret.

THE NEED OF WORKERS.

Since Mr. Scherer's affliction early in the summer of 1896, the mission has been under the sole direction of Mr. Peery, with the aid of the native helpers. Mr. Peery not alone has been superintending the mission with its chapels and Sunday-schools, but has given much time to theological instruction. The present Board, in the first months of its existence, felt the need of sending out at least another man, giving us three instead of two foreigners. There are many reasons for such a number, and just as soon as the man could be secured and the means in hand, such a step was to be taken. Before that could be realized, the withdrawal of Mr. Scherer on account of health has left the mission with a single foreigner. This is deeply regretted by the Board, and, at our meeting accepting Mr. Scherer's resignation, the Board promptly extended a call to one of our breth-

ren. Since this the Board has prayerfully and urgently made effort after effort to secure a suitable person to take Mr. Scherer's place, but thus far our overtures have been unavailing. It is with pain and regret we report the failure of these efforts, but our faith is strong and abiding that in the Lord's own time the man for the work will be forthcoming. In our correspondence with our missionaries, the enlargement of the work has been earnestly pressed by them, and the occupancy of such inviting fields as Kurume impressed upon us. The "open door" is before us, and with the means our treasury should command and the men for the work, no one can forecast what our mission could accomplish. The privilege and opportunity are ours—and ours is the duty to accept the gracious opening.

THE COMMON SERVICE IN JAPANESE AND THE MISSION'S LUTHERAN CHARACTER.

Under the auspices of the former Board, Luther's Small Catechism in Japanese was published, and work was done on the Common Service. In the summer of 1897 was published the edition of the Common Service in Japanese for the use of our mission church. It is a book of 430 pages, neatly and durably bound, and tastefully and distinctly printed. The mechanical work is excellent, and gives a Westerner an idea of the skill of the progressive Japanese. It was printed in Tokyo by authority of the Board and under the direction of our missionary, Mr. Peery. We may say that its appearance is due in no small measure to the liberality of the members of a Sunday-school class of Grace church, Winchester, who several years ago gave the Board the means to encourage its publication.

The contents of the book are as follows: Morning Service; Vesper Service; Matin Service; Full Table of Introits and Collects; Collects and Prayer; Litany and Suffrages; The Bidding Prayer; Passion History; The Order for Baptism, Confirmation, Public Confession, Installation of Church Council, Ordination, Marriage Service, and Burial Service.

The history of the translation is, that after the Catechism was published, which was the work of Mr. Scherer, Mr. Peery began the work of translating the Service in connection with his teacher who is a fair English scholar. The Service, after the Catechism, was most needed in the development of the mission. This work extended over two years. After this translation was made by Mr. Peery and his teacher, Mr. Scherer reviewed the more important parts, and suggested some changes. The Board has the assurance it is a faithful translation and a testimony to the scholarship of the translator and his assistants. The influence of this work on the church of Japan in the future no one can estimate. It will preach the pure Gospel and

guide men how to worship the adorable Trinity wherever it shall go and into whose lives it shall fall. How fortunate that so early in the life of our Japan church, it has the Catechism and the Service of our beloved Zion, to guide and mould its unfolding. This is especially so when it is remembered how greatly Japan needs the simple Gospel and its worship as over against the rationalism and liberalism abundant among other missions and missionaries.

The Board here incorporates the following from Mr. Peery, giving the church an idea of the Lutheran character of the mission, for the simple reason that objection has been raised by brethren of the Southern church along that line:

"It seems that some ministers in our United Synod have questioned the sound Lutheranism of the work our mission is doing here. I am sorry that any doubt should have arisen upon this point, and I feel sure that a knowledge of the circumstances will be sufficient to remove it.

"Unfortunately it has been necessary up to this time for us to use native helpers trained in other schools, or use none at all. We have used very profitably two men whose antecedent training has not been Lutheran. This was necessary in the beginning of our work; but from this time forward it is our intention to train as far as possible our own men. I am giving regular instruction at present to two men in sound Lutheran theology, and there is no doubt that they will make conservative Lutheran ministers. The men we have used up to this time, through their association with us and our form of teaching and worship, have also imbibed the Lutheran spirit and doctrine, and their work leaves little to be desired in this regard.

"It seems to me that the Lutheran status of our little congregation here is almost ideal. They are sound Lutherans, and yet they do not know it. Lutheranism as distinct from other forms of theology has hardly been brought to their notice. In fact Lutheranism and Christianity are one and the same with them because they have known no other form of faith. Very few of them have come into contact with other Christian bodies, and some of them have never heard a sermon except from us. Their faith and life has been shaped and developed exclusively by us; and it has not been warped and perverted by contact with other doctrines, as is often the case in the West. Christianity as known and conceived by them is the Lutheran conception of it, and many of them do not know that there is any other.

"The only theological books that most of our people have seen or studied are Luther's Catechism and the Common Service, with Orders for Ministerial Acts. The pure doctrine taught in these little books

has not been modified or affected by reading or hearing of other doctrines, but is the sole system of theology known here. Certainly their Lutheranism cannot be questioned.

"For two years we have used the Common Service in full in our morning worship. We have not taken it in parts or by piecemeal, but have used the full service. Our people like it, and the responses are all ready and hearty. We can render the service very well—much better than the average congregation at home. As in theology so in worship, our people know nothing else except the use of a liturgy in morning worship. In the evening we do not use the Vesper Service because our evening meetings are intended to reach unbelievers.

"Our work is soundly Lutheran, and should command the respect and support of the most conservative."

HELPFUL INFORMATION.

During the time covered by this report, Mr. Scherer as long as he was in Japan, and Mr. Peery continuously, kept the Board informed of the work, writing many interesting and promising facts in the inner life of the mission. The church papers disseminated their intelligent views of the work in numerous articles, and the compact history of the mission, published in tract form by the Board, was exceedingly stimulating and quickened the interest in the work. During the past year, Mr. Peery published a book, giving a concise statement of missionary work in Japan, under the title "The Gist of Japan." His prime object in writing this book was to inform our own people concerning missions in Japan, and thus directly aid this work. A very cordial reception has been given this book both in America and England, and it is already in the second edition. The Board would urge our people to read this book, and receive the intelligent aid it offers to all interested in missions in Japan.

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE MISSION.

The Board requested Mr. Peery to send a statement of the work and needs of the Mission as he saw the problem, and portions of that paper are hereby given to the church as information.

" During the past two and a half years the fortunes of our mission have been varied. * * * * With much to discourage us, we have not been without encouragement also. The present condition of the work shows that the church is face to face with an opportunity here; but it also shows that the present force is unable to meet it, and it is imperatively necessary that our mission be reinforced at once.

"Our membership is almost twice as large as it was when the United Synod met at Staunton, in 1895. Since then we have baptized

about eighteen adults and ten children. There have been four or five receptions from other churches of people who moved into our city from elsewhere. We have lost two members by death, four by dismissal, and four by excommunication.

"If all of our members were actually present in Saga we would have a good congregation here, but not more than one-half of them are residents here now. * * * * Some of our members are in Formosa, some in Corea, and some in Hawaii; while others are scattered over all Japan. Not all of those living in Saga attend church regularly, and the average attendance at morning service is about thirty-five. On ordinary communion occasions we have from twenty to twenty-five communicants present.

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"Little progress has been made in self-support. Weekly collections are taken and nearly every one gives something. The people need not only education, but resources as well, before they can do much towards self-support. They are extremely poor. The monthly income of all the people in our church here in Saga, excepting the paid helpers, when added together would not amount to one hundred dollars. Most of the converts have hardly enough to eat and wear, and cannot be expected to give much to the church.

"Two new chapels have been added to our number of regular preaching places since our last report to Synod. Both of them are in the city of Saga, and the rent and incidental expenses of one of them have been borne by myself. * * * * The work in Wakatsu, Ogi, and Kubota, has been kept up regularly, and attendance is fairly good. One more convert has been baptized in Wakatsu, and one in Ogi. In Kubota we have no converts, but have a prosperous Sunday-school from which we hope for much fruit.

"In native workers the mission is very fortunate. The two evangelists we have had for some years are growing in Bible knowledge, and in zeal and activity. They are good, faithful men, and any success our mission has met is largely due to them. For the past two years two young men have been instructed in a course of sound Lutheran theology; and this year the class was increased by the addition of another man of many years experience as a Christian lay-worker. Two of these men will be ready for regular work at the end of this scholastic year; and the other one will do some work while he continues his studies one year longer. I trust we will soon have three new evangelists, well grounded in Lutheran theology. This theological instruction has occupied much of my time for the past two years. I have given twenty hours per week to it. The men have been instructed in the same course that is taught in our seminaries at home, and they have made gratifying progress.

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"In addition to the other work, considerable instruction has been given in the English Bible, and in conversational classes. In this way I have gained admission to certain society in the city which was formerly closed to me, and have found opportunity for exerting, in an indirect manner, considerable influence for Christianity.

"We have felt very keenly the loss of Rev. and Mrs. Scherer during the past year, and our work has suffered because of their absence. It has not only been lonely here without them, but it has been impossible for me to do all the work pressing to be done.

NEEDS OF THE MISSION.

"The great need of our work is more missionaries. *It is absolutely essential to successful work that the mission be reinforced at once.* I trust Synod will realize this, and take steps to put two or more men into the field before this year is out. The one man as a substitute for Rev. Scherer, for whom the Board has been searching, will not be sufficient of himself. The church should not be satisfied when she has placed that man in the field. When we have a new man in Mr. Scherer's stead our mission will be just where it was five years ago, as regards foreign workers. We cannot be satisfied with that; our force must grow.

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"Another need of the mission is the expansion of the work on the field, and the small sum of money necessary to such an expansion. We ought to put one man in Kumamoto at once, and another in Kurume or Fukuoka soon. I have the man for Kumamoto now, and will have the one for Kurume before long. Ten dollars per month at the outside would cover the expenses at each of these stations; including rent, incidentals, and traveling expenses.

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"We are beginning to feel the need of a church building now. A subscription has been started and our people are laying by a certain amount each month, aggregating about twelve yen, for a church building in the future. This is an extremely liberal contribution for them, and requires self-denial on their part.

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"God's blessing has rested upon the mission during these two and a half years, and He has opened the doors and given us an opportunity here. May He give the Southern Lutheran church the inclination and ability to meet it!"

R. B. PEERY.

STATISTICS OF JAPAN MISSION.

FIELD OF OPERATIONS, ISLAND OF KYUSHYU, CITY OF SAGA, AND VICINITY.	Ordained Missionaries.	Unordained Native Helpers.	Stations.	Communicants.	Added Last Year.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in Sunday-schools.	Monthly Salaries of Missionaries.	Monthly Salaries of Helpers.	Candidates for the Ministry.
	2*	3	6	46	18	4	150	$175 00†	51 yen.	3

*Part of time. †Part of time whilst two missionaries were in the field, and in gold.

OUR FUTURE POLICY.

Many perplexing questions have constantly arisen in the conduct of our mission. The Board has attempted frankly, in their correspondence with the mission, to state their views. Not always do the missionaries and the Board see things in the same light, but, in all our correspondence, the Board has desired to impress the fact that its desire was to advance the great cause according to its best judgment, and that it gave their opinions the fullest confidence and greatest weight. But the Board cannot do the impossible, and this leads to the first important fact in connection with our work for the future.

1. Each Synod must realize its obligation to raise its apportionment. The work, with so many possibilities and opportunities, cannot be done without money. This convention of Synod should clearly take such action that the Board may know on what amount it can depend for this work. If the church proposes to do this work, let her in an earnest spirit do it. Resolutions making apportionments seem to signify little.

2. The Board is of the opinon, that with our privilege comes our responsibility. The Japan mission has been blessed of God, and its work should stir us up to renewed zeal in the cause. With our present apportionments *raised*, three men could be in Japan instead of one. The mission needs them to enlarge and develop the work—to make permanent and abiding our work in that land. If the mission is to train its own native helpers, there must be three men to do the work efficiently and successfully. And this Board is firmly and clearly of the opinion that when the means are available the mission should be strengthened by the sending out of two additional missionaries.

3. The Board has carefully considered the ownership of church property in Japan. The establishment of a central church in Saga from which our influence can radiate in all directions should be the purpose of the next few years by the Board. When the treaty granting foreigners the right to own property in Japan goes into effect, the Board should put to use the Miller bequest for that purpose.

4. With the securing of church property should come the inauguration of a Lutheran congregation in all its details and requirements, placing the mission on a solid and permanent foundation.

APPORTIONMENTS.

The following exhibit shows the various apportionments of the Synods for the two years and seven months and the amounts paid on the same :

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

APPORTIONMENTS.		RESPONSES.	
Virginia Synod . . .	$ 2978 00	Virginia Synod	$ 4846 94
S. W. Va. Synod. . . .	1355 00	S. W. Va. Synod . .	879 33
North Carolina Synod	2688 00	North Carolina Synod	1660 06
South Carolina Synod	2756 00	South Carolina Synod	1231 06
Holston Synod	787 00	Holston Synod	279 72
Georgia Synod	755 00	Georgia Synod . . .	326 46
Tennessee Synod. . .	2625 00	Tennessee Synod . . .	109 22
Mississippi Synod . .	274 00	Mississippi Synod . .	10 00
Total	$14218 00	Total	$ 9342 79

BOARD OF MISSIONS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From October 1, 1895, to May 1, 1898.

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

By balance on hand at closing books Sept. 10, 1895 . . .	$ 427 22
By contributions and interest received by former Treasurer in September and October, 1895	143 96
By balance in Charleston Savings Bank (not included in last Board report)	209 10
By contributions in 2 years and 7 months, including bequest of $285 (net) of Mr. Saml. Crickenberger . . .	8933 98
By Richmond, Va., 1st church towards pastor's salary . .	1466 63
By Richmond, Va., 2d church towards pastor's salary . . .	12 50
By Winston, N. C., church towards pastor's salary	933 29
By Norfolk, Va., church towards pastor's salary	1512 09
By Augusta, Ga., church towards pastor's salary	72 00
By Asheville, N. C., church towards pastor's salary	507 57
By Morristown, Greeneville, and Sinking Creek, pastor's sal.	371 55
By Atlanta, Ga., church towards pastor's salary	590 00
By Alabama mission towards pastor's salary	18 70
By Greeneville, Tenn. (since Sept., 1896), towards pas. sal.	26 54
By Fitzgerald, Ga., towards pastor's salary	1 25
By Bluefield, W. Va., towards pastor's salary	112 30

By Pulaski and Radford, Va., towards pastor's salary . . .	$ 80 90
By interest from savings banks	110 09
By balance pledge N. C. Synod to Winston	460 10
By pledges Virginia Synod to Norfolk	1363 04
By loan made to pay Board's pledge to Norfolk	2500 00
By special contribution for church at Greensboro	11 50
Total	$19864 31

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To amt. paid out by former Treasurer in September and October, including draft to Mr. Scherer of $75 . . .	$ 109 40
To 1st Richmond church, salary pastor	1933 31
To Winston, N. C., church, salary pastor	2399 92
To Norfolk, Va., church, salary pastor	2672 09
To Augusta, Ga., church, salary pastor	117 00
To Asheville, N. C., church, salary pastor	1454 23
To Morristown, Greeneville, and Sinking Creek, salary past.	778 15
To Atlanta, Ga., ¾ salary Rev. L. K. Probst as pastor and Secretary of Board	2371 26
To Alabama mission, salary pastor	433 00
To Greeneville, Tenn. (since Sept., 1896), salary pastor . .	221 54
To Fitzgerald, Ga., salary pastor	76 25
To Bluefield, W. Va., salary pastor	328 96
To Pulaski and Radford, salary pastor	229 83
To Fitzgerald, Ga., lot, investment account	20 00
To Greeneville, Tenn., investment account (in full)	284 50
To Winston, N. C., investment account (in full)	1060 90
To Norfolk, Va., investment account (in full)	3000 00
To interest on Richmond debt	200 00
To ¾ of all current expenses, including the traveling expenses of President and Secretary to Board meetings, Synods, and mission points, railroad fare of members of Board to its meetings, missionary literature and reports, stationery, etc.	317 99
To cash balance in Treasury, May 1, 1898, after paying all salaries to that date	1855 98
Total	$19864 31

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

From October 1, 1895, to May 1, 1898.

By balance on hand at closing books, Sept. 10, 1895 . . .	$ 1746 16
By interest on above in September	7 56

By draft paid Rev. J. A. B. Scherer out of Home funds . .	75 00
By contributions in 2 years and 7 months, which includes all regular contributions from Synods and societies, all special contributions for education and support of native preachers and renting of chapels, a special contribution of $20 for sending another missionary to Japan and the two years' interest on the Geo. F. Miller legacy to July 1, 1897, of $48	9390 79
Total	$11219 51

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To amt. paid out by former Treas. in Sept. and Oct., 1895	$ 225 61
To salary, health and teacher's allowance, paid Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	1356 00
To salary, health and teacher's allowance, paid Rev. R. B. Peery to July 1, 1898	3018 75
To returning traveling exp. of Rev. R. B. Peery to Japan	598 95
To returning trav. exp. of Rev. J. A. B. Scherer to America	497 93
To salaries and educational allowances for all helpers and students, rentals of chapels, house repairs, furniture, traveling expenses, insurance and taxes in Japan . .	2003 78
To ¼ salary Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	883 74
To ¼ of the current expenses in the administration of the Board in America	106 00
To cash bal. in Treasury May 1, 1898	2618 75
Total	$11219 51

ASSETS.

Note of Richmond mission	$ 1000 00
Mortgage on Trinity church, Augusta, Ga	2500 00
Mortgage on St. John's church, Knoxville, Tenn	4000 00
Mortgage on Augsburg church, Winston, N. C.	4000 00
Mortgage on 1st church, Norfolk, Va.	3000 00
Mortgage on Reformation church, Greeneville, Tenn . . .	300 00
City Charleston, S. C., 4 per cent. bonds, par value	600 00

LIABILITIES.

Loan made April 9, 1895	$ 2500 00
Interest due on same to May 1, 1898	458 75

J. E. COOPER, TREASURER.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are made by the Board for the approval of this body:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. That each district Synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the home and foreign work of the Board of Missions.

CONCLUSION.

This report tells the story for the past two years and seven months. What has been done at home and in Japan should stimulate the church to larger things. Our opportunities are great, *and the chief need is a larger income for the Board.* If the zeal and interest of many in the Southern church should find expression among *all our people*—pastors, congregations, and individuals, and the Southern church would stand together in this great responsibility to the faith of our fathers, then our work could be zealously prosecuted and this Southland dotted with growing missions, and eventually strong congregations would be established in every centre of influence. The Board has done the best it could with its meagre income, and with so much to do and such small means to do it with, this report is now presented in the yearning hope that this convention will set itself to the task of providing the revenue that our missionaries can prosecute intensively our mission work at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted, L. L. SMITH,
W. L. SEABROOK,
L. G. M. MILLER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. E. COOPER,
G. M. BELTZHOOVER,
H. S. TROUT.

Newberry, S. C.,
May 11, 1898.

On motion, the time of meeting on tomorrow morning was changed from half-past nine o'clock to ten in order that the Synod might accept the invitation of President Cromer to visit Newberry College at nine o'clock.

On motion, the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was deferred until four o'clock this afternoon.

On motion, the following committee was appointed, to which were referred report of Mr. W. J. Duffie, also other papers relating to the publication of the Book of Worship. Committee.—Revs. H. S. Wingard, H. F. Scheele, L. E. Busby, and Messrs. R. G. Chisholm and J. E. Cooper.

On motion, a paper on the Theological Seminary, presented by the delegation of the South Carolina Synod, was read and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Wilson.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod having been called to order, prayers were led by Rev. F. V. N. Painter.

Revs. H. A. McCullough and R. L. Patterson were received as advisory members.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary offered the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary asks leave to submit the following report:

1. The Board met in Columbia, April 9, 1896, and was organized by the election of the following officers: Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, president; Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland, vice-president; Hon. H. S. Trout, treasurer; and Geo. B. Cromer, secretary.

2. By authority of resolution, adopted by this Synod at its last

meeting, directing "that another theological professor be employed by the directors, to begin labor at the opening of the session, beginning in October, 1896," the Board elected a second professor, and fixed his salary at $1200. The salary of the first professor was also fixed at $1200.

3. In accordance with the action of Synod authorizing the Directors "to provide for his support by calling upon the district Synods for a pro rata appropriation thereto," the following apportionment was made for the salary of the second professor:

North Carolina Synod	$300.00
Tennessee Synod	225.00
South Carolina Synod	325.00
Virginia Synod	275.00
Southwest Virginia Synod	200.00
Holston Synod	75.00
Georgia Synod	100.00
	$1500.00

4. Dr. Voigt was authorized to visit the district Synods in the interest of the Seminary. He attended a number of the meetings, and his expenses were paid by the Board.

5. The gentleman elected to the second professorship declined the call. All the district Synods acted favorably upon the apportionments for salary of the second professor, except the Tennessee Synod, which declined to accede to its apportionment.

6. The Board met again in Columbia, December 11, 1896. The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we request the district Synods to have their apportionments for the salary of the second professor of the Theological Seminary so arranged that they may be paid quarterly, on the first day of January, April, July and October, on the draft of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Seminary; and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to draw on the various Synods for their apportionments for the current year, at the time of their next annual meetings, or sooner if practicable."

7. Before proceeding to the election of a second professor, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That, for the curtailing of the expense of the meetings of the Board, we elect one, and by our recommendation to the Executive Committee of a second and a third, authorize it to act for the Board in case of the declination of either."

The Board then, by ballot, elected one and recommended two others.

8. Dr. Voigt was again authorized to attend the meetings of the district Synods, in the interest of the Seminary. The expenses in-

curred by the members in attending these meetings of the Board were paid by the Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Board.

9. At this meeting it was decided that Dr. E. T. Horn be requested to serve as Special Lecturer in the Seminary, and that his expenses in filling this office be paid by the Treasurer. In answer to this request, Dr. Horn rendered valuable services by delivering a course of lectures to the Seminary students.

10. The constitution was so amended that five members shall constitute a quorum; and the officers of the Board shall constitute an Executive Committee, with power to act during interims.

11. The gentleman elected to the second professorship, at the December meeting, and the two recommended to the Executive Committee for election, declined to accept the position; and no further election has been held.

12. May 15, 1897, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn resigned the presidency of the Board of Directors, and the Vice-President immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office.

13. November 9, 1897, the Rev. Dr. W. S. Bowman presented the principal part of his library, together with a large walnut book-case, to the Theological Seminary, on the sole condition that the Seminary pay the expense of packing and shipping the same. Suitable action is recommended, in acknowledgment of the gift. Our churches in Charleston have generously offered to pay the cost of packing and shipping the library, which is now in Charlotte, subject to the orders of Synod.

14. The following is the latest statement presented by the Treasurer:

STATEMENT OF H. S. TROUT, TREASURER,

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN THE SOUTH.

1897.

Dec. 9.	To cash in hands of Treasurer	$2,910.14
	To amount due by Virginia Synod	2,000.00
	To amount yet to be paid from Barrier estate . . .	750.00
	This is the corpus	$5,660.14

The amount collected from the estate of Prof. W. A. Barrier so far in cash is $2,361.90. We hold quite a number of lots in the town of Salem, Va., which were derived from his estate, but these are of but little value at the present time. H. S. TROUT, TREASURER.

15. November 25, 1897, the Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt resigned his position in the Seminary, to take effect at the expiration of this scholastic year, June 1, 1898. Dr. Voigt's withdrawal will be a serious loss to the Seminary, and as yet no action has been taken to fill the vacancy created by his resignation.

16. Though the Board advertised for bids for the permanent location of the Seminary, in obedience to instructions given at the last meeting of this Synod, no bids have been presented for consideration.

17. The following information in regard to the work of the Seminary during the sessions 1895–6 and 1896–7, is furnished by Prof. Voigt: In the session of 1895-6 ten students were in attendance, four in the Middle class and six in the Junior. In the session of 1896-7, nine students were in attendance, two in the Senior class, four in the Middle class, and three in the Junior. Three of the students of the preceding year had not returned in October, 1896, but there were two accessions. In June, 1897, Mr. Tilman W. Shealy successfully completed the Seminary course.

In October, 1897, the Seminary opened with eight students—all of the students of the preceding year, except one who had completed the course. There were no accessions. The students this year were classified as follows: five in the Senior class and three in the Junior class.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND, Acting President.

GEO. B. CROMER, Secretary.

The Treasurer having not yet arrived the reading of the Treasurer's Report was postponed until tomorrow.

On motion, the matter of *Discipline* was referred to the Committee on Common Service.

The Committee on President's Report presented the following, which was received to be considered seriatim.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

The President in his report gives a complete but concise review of his official acts and of the weighty problems that confront our Southern Lutheran church at this time, demanding solution. The following items require the consideration of this body:

1. The President calls attention to the proposed Lutheran diet, its endorsement by the General Synod and the General Council, and the appointment of Dr. S. W. Owen and Dr. Henry E. Jacobs respectively to represent these bodies on a committee of arrangement for such diet. In accord with the President's suggestion,

1. We recommend that a representative from this body be appointed to act in co-operation with the other general bodies on the committee of arrangement.

2. In regard to the reorganization of Common Service Committee, and the efforts looking to the securing of one common Book of Wor-

ship: We recommend the appointment of a committee of three to have all these matters in charge, and suggest the following brethren: Rev. A. G. Voigt, Rev. L. A. Fox, Rev. R. C. Holland.

3. In regard to co-operation with other general bodies, the interests entrusted to the Board of Missions, home and foreign, Board of Directors of Theological Seminary, and other general matters, to which the President calls attention, we have no recommendations to offer inasmuch as these items will receive consideration in regular order.

4. We recommend that the hearty thanks of this body be tendered the President for the earnest, efficient, and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his responsible office.

J. A. MOREHEAD,
V. R. STICKLEY,
J. L. DERRICK,
J. W. JENNY.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted as amended.

Items 3 and 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned, being led in prayer by Rev. H. N. Miller.

At 8.30 p. m., divine services were held, and addresses were delivered upon the subject of *Home Missions* by E. L. Greever, Esq., and Rev. H. F. Scheele.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

Synod met, and was led in prayer by Rev. S. T. Hallman. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. J. J. Scherer was made Secretary *pro tem*. On motion, the reading of minutes was postponed until this afternoon.

Mr. H. S. Boner, Superintendent of the Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, was recognized and accorded the privilege of presenting such matters as he might wish.

The Secretary having arrived, the motion to postpone the reading of minutes was reconsidered, and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, all literary titles were ordered to be omitted from the minutes except on the clerical roll.

At half past ten o'clock, according to previous resolution, the floor of Synod was accorded to Rev. Chas. Edw. Keller, fraternal representative of the General Synod. Rev. Keller, in a very cordial manner, conveyed the greetings of that body to the United Synod, to which the President made fitting response.

The committee, to which were referred report of Mr. W. J. Duffie and other papers relative to the publication of the Book of Worship, presented the following report, which was received to be considered by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF W. J. DUFFIE, AND OTHER PAPERS.*

1. Mr. Duffie's account shows that he is due this Synod one hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-four cents ($125.84), for which he has sent a draft. We recommend that this draft be turned over to the Treasurer of Synod.

2. (a) The other papers are the copyright to the Book of Worship and memoranda of various contracts with Mr. W. J. Duffie for the publication of said book. These papers show that the contract expires with this meeting of Synod, and that "all plates copyright of said Book of Worship, and all appurtenances thereto belonging" do now become the property of Synod. We therefore recommend that the Common Service Committee take the necessary steps to secure to this Synod this property; (b) and also to continue the publication of the Book of Worship in such quantities as may be necessary for the supply of our churches until the next regular or called meeting of the Synod.

Resolved, That our Committee on Common Service be instructed to confer with similar committees of other general bodies, or in any other way which may be most proper, concerning the securement of a Common Book of Service throughout, including liturgy, ministerial acts, and hymns—or, in other words, a book identically the same—and that they be instructed to be as urgent, and pressing, and prompt as the circumstances will admit of, believing, as we do, that such action would greatly promote the common welfare of the whole church.

H. S. WINGARD,
H. FRANK SCHEELE,
J. E. COOPER,
R. G. CHISHOLM,
L. E. BUSBY,
COMMITTEE.

* See W. J. Duffie's Report, at the end of Minutes.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Part (a) adopted. Part (b) adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that our Committee on Common Service report to this body at its next session the result of its renewed conference with the Joint Committee of the several bodies on this particular subject.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the special order for four o'clock this afternoon will be the Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Missions presented the following report, which was received to be considered seriatim:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension, report as follows: The document placed in our hands is a carefully prepared review of the Board's work for two years and seven months. Especially are we impressed with the progress of the home work, and trust the fields inviting occupation may soon be taken up. An inspection of this report convinces us that the Board has administered the limited funds in its hands in a most judicious manner and at a minimum expense.

It is a matter of extreme regret to your committee that the Board has been hampered in its work by a lack of funds; and that the several district Synods have fallen so far short of the demands of the work, and the expectations of this body, to the manifest detriment of the work of the church. In order to overcome this, we urge upon the pastors the imperative necessity of keeping before their people the principles of Christian giving; believing that giving is matter of principle and not of impulse.

We note with great pleasure the fact that the Richmond congregation has become self-sustaining; and we believe this is the goal for which all our missions should earnestly strive.

Our foreign work in all its aspects is presented. Details are given of all the transactions of the Board with our missionaries, together with a consideration of the problems, difficulties, needs and prospects of the work.

We cheerfully embrace this opportunity to bear testimony to the wise, careful, and patient administration by the Board of the trust committed to it by this Synod; and also to record our obligations of gratitude and thanks for the same.

1. We recommend the following for election on the Board of Missions: Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, J. A. Alexander, Esq., and that the present General Secretary be elected for the ensuing term.

2. That the report of the Board, with its recommendations, be adopted as a whole.

A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. H. WILSON,
C. L. T. FISHER,
A. R. BECK,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN,
E. L. GREEVER.

Recommendation 1. Adopted.

Recommendation 2. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Minutes of the Last Convention read the following report, which was received for consideration by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by your honorable body to call your attention to such matters in the Minutes of the last Synod as need consideration, respectfully submit the following report:

1. On page 44 we find a resolution instructing the Committee on Common Service to co-operate with similar committees from the other general bodies in securing a Common Book of Service. Has this work been done?

2. On page 49 we find a resolution requesting the district Synods to incorporate in separate columns of their parochial tables the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this Synod, for the home and foreign work of the Board of Missions. Has this request been complied with?

3. On pages 50 and 51 we find the following items: (a) That Maj. W. G. Repass and Hon. H. S. Trout be requested to advise with Mr. C. H. Duls, as executor of the Barrier estate, as to the sale of certain lots at Salem and Ivanhoe Furnace, and to bid them in, if necessary, and take proper conveyances therefor. (b) That Hon. H. S. Trout, as Treasurer of the Seminary Fund of this Synod, be authorized to receive from Mr. C. H. Duls, as executor of the Barrier estate, any funds in his hands coming to or due this Synod, and to execute proper receipts and acquittances therefor. (c) That Hon. H. S. Trout be directed to invest the funds coming into his hands as Treasurer of the

Seminary Fund from the Barrier estate. Have these matters been attended to?

4. On page 55 we find a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee, with Dr. Horn as chairman, to revise Loehe's Catechism. Has this work been accomplished?

5. On page 59 we find a resolution authorizing the President of this body to appoint a committee on co-operation with the other general bodies of this country if a conference of that nature should be called in the interim between that meeting and this. Has such conference been called? Has such committee been appointed? What action did it take?

6. On page 66 we find a committee was appointed to take into consideration the whole matter of church papers, and to endeavor to secure the publication of a paper which would be the official organ of this body, and in some real sense amenable to its authority. Has this committee acted?

7. On page 70 we find a resolution requesting the secretaries of the district Synods to send one or more copies of the Minutes of their respective Synods to the Secretary of this Synod. Have these officers complied with this request?

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
C. M. EFIRD,
J. M. GNANN.

Synod adjourned pending consideration of this report. (See page 62.)

Prayer by Rev. J. P. Miller.

Divine services were held at 8.30 p. m. and addresses were delivered on the subject of Foreign Missions by Revs. L. L. Smith and W. L. Seabrook.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod was called to order.

Prayer by Rev. Charles Edward Keller.

The Committee on Theological Seminary offered the following report, which was received for consideration by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Item 1. Report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary, placed in the hands of your committee, presents a clear and satisfactory record of what the Board has done since the last convention of this body. We recommend that this report be printed in full in the Minutes of this convention.

Item 2. Report of Dr. A. G. Voigt, theological professor, presented to the Board of Directors, has been referred also to your committee. We recommend that this report be read in open Synod, and printed in the Minutes.

Item 3. The paper presented by the delegation of the South Carolina Synod, indicating what that Synod has done, and may be relied upon to do in behalf of the Seminary in the future, and placed in our hands, concludes as follows: "In view of the increased needs of Newberry College, and the desirability of completely severing the Seminary from the College, whether it be located at Newberry or elsewhere, temporarily or permanently, the delegation of the South Carolina Synod believe they express the sentiments of that body when they declare that the temporary arrangement inaugurated at Knoxville will no longer be considered feasible or practicable; but that the South Carolina Synod will pay $600 on the salary of the first professor in the Seminary of the United Synod, irrespective of location; and that it will, in addition, bear an equitable proportion of the further amount deemed necessary by the United Synod to manage the institution successfully. As members of the South Carolina Synod we promise to do all we can to induce the South Carolina Synod to agree to the offer herein suggested." Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the United Synod marks with admiration the continued devotion of the Synod of South Carolina to the Theological Seminary which she has so generously supported through all its history as the Seminary of this United Synod, whereby alone it has survived the trials through which it has been called to pass; and that we note her present offer for its future continuance with grateful appreciation.

Item 4. We are in receipt of the following memorial from the North Carolina Synod, bearing the seal of the Synod:

MEMORIAL TO THE UNITED SYNOD—GREETING:

At the recent meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, which convened at Burlington, N. C., April 28–30, 1898, the following action was taken:

"*Resolved*, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina hereby expresses itself as anxious for our Theological Seminary

to be kept open; and authorizes its delegation to the United Synod to urge this, if in any way practicable."

In discharge of this duty, we, the officers of the North Carolina Synod, herewith submit its action.

Respectfully, C. A. ROSE, Pres.

Salisbury, N. C., May 2, '98. L. E. BUSBY, Sec.

In response to these overtures from the South Carolina and North Carolina Synods, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the firm conviction of this United Synod, that our Theological Seminary should be continued, and that the Board of Directors be authorized and instructed to proceed at once to procure the services of two professors and provide for the formal opening of the Seminary on the first Wednesday in October, 1898.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to increase the apportionments to the different Synods so as to secure at least $1800 in addition to the $600 offered by the South Carolina Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the several Synods be requested so to secure the amounts apportioned to them respectively, that the Treasurer of the Board of Directors can safely make quarterly advance calls upon the treasurers of the several Synods.

Item 5. With respect to the location of the Seminary, your committee would submit for the consideration of this body the following petition from the Lutherans of the city of Charlotte, N. C. The paper reads as follows:

Charlotte, N. C., May 10, 1898.

To the Committee on Location of Theological Seminary of United Synod of Evang. Lutheran Church in the South:

The undersigned, on behalf of themselves and the Lutherans of the city, respectfully and earnestly petition that the Theological Seminary be permanently located in the city of Charlotte or suburbs, and offer, if it is located here—

1. To donate a suitable site of not exceeding ten acres in or near the property of the Highland Park Company—the property being admirably located, well shaded and drained, in close touch with the city, and in every way suited, as we believe, for the contemplated purpose. The proper authorities of the Synod or the institution to agree on their part to erect a Seminary building or buildings on said land within a reasonable time.

2. To subscribe a sum sufficient to pay the rent for one year for a suitable building in the city of Charlotte for the use of the Seminary, so that the institution can be located here at once, and be in operation in Charlotte pending the erection of its permanent buildings.

3. To carry out our part of this agreement at once.

Any details in regard to the matter may be settled between any committee appointed on behalf of the Seminary and ourselves.

M. L. YEAGER,
F. A. McKNIGHT,
GEO. L. KRUEGER,
S. E. LINTON,
C. VOLLERS,
H. A. KLUEPPELBERG,
A. R. WILLMANN.

Resolved, That the offer of Charlotte for the location of the Theological Seminary, together with any others which may be made within two months after bids are called for through our church papers, be referred to Seminary Board with power to act, and that pending the making of permanent arrangements, the Board have authority to make such provisional arrangements as may be deemed necessary.

Item 6. We note in Report of the Board of Directors the resignation of Dr. A. G. Voigt as professor in the Seminary, to take effect June 1, 1898. In this connection we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is with regret that we are called upon to dispense with the valuable services of Dr. Voigt, and that we record our declaration of grateful appreciation of his arduous and faithful labors, our affectionate esteem of him personally, gratification that his influence for good abides with us, and that we are still to enjoy his further services in councils of our Southern church.

Item 7. We are further informed in Report of the Board of Directors that Dr. W. S. Bowman has donated to the Seminary a large portion of his library; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this body, in the interest of the Seminary, accept with grateful consideration this generous gift of our beloved brother in Christ, and commends the kindly sentiments prompting the same to the attention of other friends of the Seminary who cherish a friendly regard for its welfare.

Item 8. We note further, according to Report of Board of Directors, that with almost entire unanimity the district Synods have adopted their share of the apportionment of a second professor's salary. This is a gratifying exhibit, and gives promise of successful prosecution of the work of the Seminary in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND,
W. L. SEABROOK,
C. A. MARKS,
H. S. WINGARD,
L. E. BUSBY,
J. H. KOON.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Dr. Voigt's report was read, as follows:

REPORT OF REV. A. G. VOIGT, D. D.

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

Your professor begs leave to submit the following brief report of the work done in the Seminary during the past year:

There were only two classes during the year. In the Senior class were five students and in the Middle class three students. There were no accessions at the beginning of the session in October, 1897; and, hence, no Junior class.

The annual examination was conducted May 6–11 of this year. This was earlier than the usual time, but it was done in order to have the papers ready for the inspection of the Board at the time of the meeting of the United Synod.

I take pleasure in recommending the following gentlemen who have completed the course of study for graduation: J. J. Long, H. J. Mathias, W. H. Riser, Y. V. A. Riser, and P. D. Risinger. I also recommend that certificates be awarded to the following gentlemen who have partially completed the course of study: W. H. Hiller, G. A. Riser; and also to W. W. J. Ritchie in case he can no longer attend the Seminary of the United Synod.

I also take the liberty of recommending to the Board of Directors that the session of 1897–8 be closed with the graduating address to be delivered on Sunday, May 15th. This is two weeks earlier than the time required by the letter of the constitution; but the peculiar circumstances, especially the impracticability of having a meeting of the Board in June to decide upon the graduation of those who have completed the course of study, will justify the change.

Respectfully submitted, A. G. VOIGT.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Pending consideration of resolution 1, Synod adjourned. (See pages 47, 50). Prayer by Rev. L. E. Busby.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. L. A. Fox.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions offered the following report, which was received to be considered by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your committee have in hand the following papers:

No. 1 is a letter from Bishop P. F. Stevens of the Reformed Episcopal church, asking that an inclosed petition be laid before this body, signed and forwarded. Said petition is to be sent to the Postmaster-General with the request to stop the transportation of the mails by not compelling the trains to run on Sunday. We recognize with painful regret the general desecration of the Lord's day and the want of reverence for it, and would urge a more faithful use of the divinely ordained means to have a stricter observance of it. While it is not certain that the best mode to attain this end is by a petition sent directly to the Postmaster-General, still we are willing to make a trial of it, and so authorize our President to sign the petition in the name of this body.

No. 2 is a letter from the Mississippi Synod, asking us to appoint a missionary for their territory and pay his salary, they to pay as much of the salary as they are able to raise. We express our sympathy with our brethren in Mississippi, and we recommend that their petition be referred to the consideration of the Board of Missions.

No. 3 are resolutions adopted by the California Synod at its last convention, July, 1897, stating that they learn with satisfaction of the signs of affiliation and union between the different bodies of our church, and they earnestly pray that these overtures may be continued until union is effected. We recommend that the Secretary inform this Synod that we have a committee to co-operate with the General Council and General Synod in the preparation of one Book of Worship for all our people.

No. 4 is a letter from Jos. L. Ewin, secretary of the American Anti-Saloon League, to this body, asking our consideration of its work and aims, and, if approved, we send delegates to their next convention. The constitution also accompanies the letter. While we are willing to aid in every legitimate way to suppress the saloon, since we are conscious of its being a great evil, still we hold that the proper way to check the bad effects of the saloon, as well as all evils, is to educate public sentiment to discourage and oppose all wrong tendencies. The only remedy to regenerate a corrupt social status is to use the means appointed by the Savior from all sins. Though we respectfully decline to send delegates, still we are in sympathy with and rejoice to learn of every right movement to suppress the saloon.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. RAHN,
WM. P. HOUSEAL,
C. A. FREED,
G. B. MOREHEAD,
H. N. MILLER.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted as amended.

Items 3 and 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The attention of Synod having been called to the presence of Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D., representative of the General Council, a motion prevailed that the privilege of the floor be accorded to him immediately upon the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

On motion, the Treasurer's Report was received and without reading was committed for examination and report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., MAY 11TH, 1898.

C. H. DULS, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

1895.	Dr.		
Sept. 16.	To bal. in hands Treas. per last report	$ 6 90	
Sept. 28.	Rec. W. J. Duffie, Publisher.	159 05	
Dec. 3.	Rec. L. S. Walker, Tr. Va. Synod, appt .	16 16	
Dec. 4.	Rec. H. S. Trout, Tr. S.W.Va. Synod, appt.	11 20	
Dec. 7.	Rec. Tr. S. C. Synod, per M. G. G. S., appt.	20 70	
Dec. 9.	Rec. F. M. Harr, Tr. Holston Synod, appt.	5 14	
1896.			
Jan. 16.	Rec. I. F. Patterson, Tr. N. C. Synod, appt.	18 11	
Apr. 16–21.	Rec. other Synods, $1.83 and $4.50, appt.	6 33	
			$243 59
1895.	Cr.		
Nov. 26.	Paid Rev. H. F. Scheele, express charges on Secretary's books, &c.	$ 1 00	
1896.			
Jan. 15.	Paid L. E. Busby, on printing Minutes 5th Convention	40 00	
Feb. 10.	Paid L. E. Busby, balance on printing Minutes, &c., 5th Convention	127 80	
Apr. 13.	Paid M. G. G. Scherer, Secretary, (see p. 69, last Minutes.)	28 00	
			$196 80
	To balance in Treasurer's hands . . .		$ 46 79

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DULS, TREASURER.

Synod resumed consideration of resolution 1, item 4, of the Report of Committee on Theological Seminary. (See page 42.)

The delegation of the Tennessee Synod presented the following paper. The paper was received and the request granted:

REQUEST OF TENNESSEE SYNOD DELEGATION.

We, the undersigned delegation of the Tennessee Synod, in view of the action taken by our Synod at its annual convention in Virginia in 1896, feel that it is our duty to this body and to our own Synod, to ask this body to excuse us from voting on the question of continuance of the Theological Seminary. We indulge in the hope and prayer that the developments in the future will be such that our Synod can see its way clear to heartily co-operate in its support.

J. A. CROMER,
A. R. BECK,
J. L. CROMER,
C. M. EFIRD,
J. H. KOON.

Resolutions 1, 2, and 3, item 4, of the Report of Committee on Theological Seminary, were adopted.

Upon reconsideration, further action upon this report was suspended, and Rev. Dr. Laird was invited to take the floor. Dr. Laird presented his credentials as Official Visitor from the General Council; and, in a very encouraging and fraternal address, conveyed the greetings of that body to this, calling special attention to the action of the General Council upon the proposition of this Synod relative to a Common Book of Service. The President made a brief and appropriate response.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by D. L. Boozer, M. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. A. Freed.

The Committee on Co-operation (see Minutes Staunton convention, page 59) presented the following report, which was received to be considered seriatim:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION.

The committee, appointed by the President of United Synod to confer with similar committees of other general bodies, held such conference in Washington, April 22, 1896.

The following action was taken by the Joint Committee:

1. That we recommend to the bodies which we represent for their adoption the following rule:

"That where any general body has congregations, whatever be the language, the establishment of a congregation of another general body within the territory be not undertaken, unless the Board of Missions of the body occupying the territory and the officers of the synod on the field be first consulted."

2. That a committee of arbitration, representing the bodies that enter into the compact, be constituted, to whom shall be referred all cases where agreement has not been otherwise obtained.

The following action was also taken:

1. "It is the sense of this committee that the committee of arbitration should consist of not more than three members from each of the general bodies; and that in this committee of arbitration each general body should have but one vote; and that its decision on any subject referred to it should be published as soon as adopted.

2. "This committee hereby requests the general bodies to appoint their representatives on the committee of arbitration at their next conventions."

3. That this committee regards the adoption of Common Orders of Ministerial Acts and a Common Hymn Book, in addition to the Common Service, as very desirable.

The action of the Joint Committee has been approved by both the General Council and the General Synod.

Regarding the matter of a Common Book of Worship, the General Council has taken the following action:

"*Resolved*, That the Church Book Committee be appointed, to confer and co-operate with committees from other Lutheran bodies in the preparation of a Common Book of Worship, including besides the Common Order of Service, Orders for Ministerial Acts, and a Book of Hymns in the English Language."

The General Synod endorsed also the action of the Joint Committee, and with respect to the Common Book of Worship gave forth the following declaration:

"Looking to the compilation of a Common Hymn Book: *Resolved*, That this Synod will do what it can to further the object consistent with the fact of the issuance of a new hymn book of its own.

Resolved, That the General Synod will look with favor upon any

movement toward the preparation of Common Orders for Ministerial Acts by and for the bodies of this compact."

In view of the favorable action taken by the General Synod and General Council in their endorsement of the action of the Committee of Co-operation, and their evident desire for continued co-operation; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this body endorses the action of the Joint Committee of Co-operation, and reaffirms its earnest plea for the adoption, at as early a date as possible, of one Common Book of Worship, including Ministerial Acts and Hymnal.

Resolved, 2. That the Common Service Committee be appointed as the Committee on Co-operation, and also as the Committee of Arbitration, and that said committee be authorized to confer with similar committees of the other general bodies in the furtherance of the objects contemplated in the appointment of said committees.

Resolved, 3. That we approve the recommendation of the Joint Committee for the holding of a general conference or diet, and that Rev. H. F. Scheele be appointed to represent this body to co-operate with Dr. H. E. Jacobs and Dr. S. W. Owen in arranging for such diet.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

R. C. HOLLAND, CHAIRMAN.

The report was adopted by items and as a whole.

On motion, Rev. J. B. Fox was seated as alternate for Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to offer the following report:

We note with much pleasure that all the various Synods report progress along almost all lines of church work and Christian activity. Therefore we find much ground for encouragement. There is an increasing attention to the very important matter of the catechization of the young; an increasing liberality on the part of our people; and a more general use of Lutheran church literature. The working forces of the congregations are being more carefully utilized by the organization of missionary and other societies; Sunday-school work is done with increasing zeal; and above all there seems to be an increasing faithfulness in the attendance upon the means of grace. We cannot too greatly emphasize the importance of faithfulness and perseverance along all these lines. There are, as there always have been, many

discouragements, and much room for improvement, but success will crown the faithful.

There is generally reported much neglect with regard to family worship. We believe the most speedy remedy for this neglect would be for our pastors to teach our people how to use the most precious, beautiful, and instructive morning and evening suffrages as given in our Common Service and in Luther's Small Catechism. The devotional culture that a faithful use of these will bring to any family, and the influence exerted thereby in the formation of Christian life and character, can not be overestimated.

H. FRANK SCHEELE,
W. A. LUTZ,
S. T. HALLMAN,
J. L. CROMER,
J. E. COOPER.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That along with our endorsement, at the last meeting of Synod, of the Augsburg Series of Lesson Helps, we do now also endorse as Lutheran, churchly, and helpful the series of helps published by the General Council for those who adopt their series of lessons.

On motion, Rev. A. J. Bowers was recognized and seated as alternate for Rev. J. A. Sligh.

On motion, the President was instructed to appoint a committee to nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary. The following were appointed—Revs. L. E. Busby, H. F. Scheele, and Capt. J. W. Jenny.

The Report of Committee on Theological Seminary was again taken up for consideration. (See pages 42 and 43.)

Items 5, 6, 7 and 8, adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, M. M. Kinard, and W. A. Lutz be appointed a committee to take into consideration the tender to this Synod of Elizabeth College property and report at this meeting of Synod.

On motion, Hon. C. M. Efird was added to the above committee.

The Committee on Literature offered the following report which was received for consideration by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Literature in its widest sense is an embodiment of human thought and feeling. Its character is determined by the people from whom it originates, by the time at which it appears, and the circumstances under which it is produced.

Church literature may be defined as that which originates in the church and has an ecclesiastical purpose. Its character will be determined by the branch of the church, the time, and the circumstances, in and under which it is produced.

Every general body of the church, which is doing a peculiar work and has an individual life, naturally produces a literature of its own. This fact is seen in the literature produced by the various bodies of the Christian church, and in the numerous publication houses maintained by them.

Hitherto the United Synod has not fully provided for a literature of its own. It is true that *The Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* have in some sense been the organs of our ministers and people. *The Southern Lutheran* aims to help our Sunday-schools. The "Book of Worship" has been published by an arrangement of a committee of the Synod. But there has been no adequate provision for a Sunday-school literature of our own; and all other literature has been printed beyond our bounds or on individual responsibility.

It is a tribute to the energy and ability of our ministers that under the existing unfavorable conditions no inconsiderable body of literature has been produced, and recognized in previous reports on church literature. Two works, which have recently appeared, here deserve special mention, namely, "The Gist of Japan" by our missionary, Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., and "The Common Service," by Rev. H. F. Scheele, of Staunton, Va.

With a view to meeting the existing want in our Southern church with relation to literature, your committee recommend the organization of a publication society. The benefits to result from such organization are two fold: 1. It will give freer and fuller expression to our distinctive church life, and provide a more abundant literature for our people; and 2. It can be made a source of income at once to this Synod.

It is recommended, therefore, that a committee of nine be appointed to be known as a Board of Publication, who shall draw up a constitution and by-laws, appoint an editorial committee, and put the scheme into operation at once.

F. V. N. PAINTER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
Z. W. BEDENBAUGH.

On motion, it was resolved to hold a session of Synod at 8 o'clock this evening.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise made their report, which was adopted.

The committee to nominate Board of Directors for Theological Seminary submitted the following report which was received :

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, your committee to nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, name the following: Revs. R. C. Holland, H. S. Wingard, A. R. Beck, L. G. M. Miller, J. H. Wilson, W. L. Seabrook, Messrs. E. L. Greever, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelmann, J. D. Heilig.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. BUSBY,
H. F. SCHEELE,
J. W. JENNY.

On motion, the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for the persons named in the above report.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Q. Wertz.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. L. T. Fisher.

The Committee on Orphan Home presented the following report which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME.

The Committee on the Orphan Home submit the following :

At our last convention, the Home was placed in organic connection with this Synod.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers and trustees to fill vacancies that then existed or might occur, and the Home was required to submit a report to each annual meeting of this body. Since that time the Home has been removed from its first location to very desirable property in Salem, Va. To the buildings purchased various additions have been made, and much has been done to make the Home comfortable.

The Board has arranged so that Rev. B. W. Cronk and his wife have immediate charge of the Home.

Twenty-six children have been cared for during the last year. The contributions and donations reported show increased and increasing interest in the work.

We recommend the Home to the continued support and prayers of the people and that our district Synods be urged to meet their obligations to it by special collections or as they may think best.

J. J. SCHERER,
R. G. CHISHOLM,
CHAS. B. MILLER.

The following Report of the Officers of the Orphan Home was read:

REPORT OF OFFICERS OF ORPHAN HOME.

As required by the action of the United Synod at its meeting in Staunton in 1895, the Orphan Home submits a full report of its work.

First of all, the blessing of God on our orphan work should be gratefully recognized. Though there have often been difficulties, the Home has been able to overcome them, and the work was never in so good condition as at present.

At the first annual meeting of the Trustees of the Home after the meeting of the United Synod in Staunton, the officers, nominated by the Synod's committee, were elected. The officers are at present as follows: Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., president; Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., vice-president; Prof. F. V. N. Painter, secretary; Paul S. Davis, treasurer.

Also on the nomination of the Synod's committee, the following trustees have been elected: Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., of the South Carolina Synod; Rev. H. F. Scheele, of the Virginia Synod; Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, of the Holston Synod; Rev. C. B. King, of the North Carolina Synod; and Ambrose L. Henkel, of the Tennessee Synod.

In conforming to the requirements of the Synod, the Trustees formally recognized "with deep appreciation the fact that this institution is the creature of, and under the control, direction, sympathy, and maintenance of the United Synod."

In May, 1896, the Home was removed to Salem, where a substantial brick house and seven acres of land had been purchased at a cost of $1500. As the building was too small for the proper accommodation of the Home, a brick addition of five rooms was added at a cost of about $1000. This amount was raised in full by special contributions.

The amount due on the property is about $1200. Of this sum $700

will be due in September, and the remainder in February, 1899. At the proper time, the Home will make an appeal to the church for this amount. A second building is needed at this time, but the Trustees have been unwilling to undertake further improvements till the property is paid for.

It is encouraging to note that since the last meeting of the United Synod, the Home has received a gift of $500 from Mrs. Priscilla Arrington, of Roanoke, Va., (only a part of which will be realized through the failure of a bank), and a bequest, amounting probably to several hundred dollars, from Miss Mary Emily Swartz, of Shenandoah county, Virginia.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees in October last, the resignations of the Secretary, who had been acting Superintendent, and the Matrons, Mrs. Amanda Davison and Miss Bettie Davison, were accepted. It was felt that the work had reached a point of development where the services of a resident superintendent were necessary. A call was accordingly extended to the Rev. B. W. Cronk, of Newport, Va., to become superintendent, and to Mrs. Cronk to become matron. They entered upon their duties at the Home in November, and have since been carrying forward the work in a judicious and successful manner.

The Executive Committee, composed of Rev. L. G. M. Miller, T. J. Shickel, C. Markley, H. S. Trout, A. M. Bowman, and Rev. F. V. Painter, meet each month to audit bills, consider applications for admission to the Home, and to consider all matters pertaining to the general management of the institution. In this way the interests of the Home are carefully watched over.

There are at present twenty-seven children in the Home, with other applications awaiting consideration. They are surrounded by the influences of a Christian home. While they are trained to habits of neatness and industry, they receive a good elementary education and religious training. In the past two years, fourteen of the children have been received into the church, ten being received last Easter.

It is the policy of the Home, after giving the children a primary education and satisfactory religious training, to place them in positions to learn a trade or to earn a livelihood. In this matter the desires and capabilities of the children are duly considered.

The economical administration of the Home deserves special mention. As shown by the last annual report, the cost for each child, exclusive of gifts in kind, was less than $50—a record unsurpassed, perhaps, in the orphan work of this country.

There has been a steady growth of interest in the orphan work. All parts of the United Synod, as will be seen from the following statements prepared by Supt. Cronk, contribute to its support.

FOR CURRENT EXPENSES, FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1896, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1897.

Virginia Synod	$421 72
S. W. Va. Synod	231 16
N. C. Synod	163 72
Tennessee Synod	148 34
Holston Synod	61 71
S. C. Synod	39 41
Georgia Synod	7 50

FOR IMPROVEMENT FUND, FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1896, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1897.

S. W. Va. Synod	$177 40
Virginia Synod	94 38
S. C. Synod	20 00
Tennessee Synod	18 65
Georgia Synod	15 10
Holston Synod	11 30
N. C. Synod	1 00

ESTIMATED VALUE OF GIFTS IN KIND FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1897, TO MAY 1, 1898.

S. W. Va. Synod	$345 60
S. C. Synod	146 36
Virginia Synod	116 00
N. C. Synod	13 00
Tennessee Synod	7 45
Holston Synod	6 50

In the Lutheran church in America there is, on an average, an orphanage for every 35,000 members. In maintaining its Orphan Home at Salem, the United Synod has shown the same evangelical and benevolent character exhibited by the other general bodies of our church in this country.

The orphan work is by no means an easy one. It is a constant tax upon the heart and brain of those immediately in charge. The Home, therefore, asks not only for material support, but also for the earnest prayers of the church in its behalf.

L. G. M. MILLER, PRESIDENT.

F. V. N. PAINTER, SECRETARY.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Literature. See page 51.

The report with recommendation was adopted.

The following Board of Publication was elected: Rev. F. V. N. Painter, Mr. A. H. Kohn, Mr. A. G. Wise, Rev. H.

S. Wingard, Rev. S. T. Hallman, Hon. C. M. Efird, Rev. Vastine R. Stickley, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. J. J. Scherer.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be continued in force until the next meeting of this body, or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

The following resolution, introduced by Rev. J. J. Scherer, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to make renewed efforts without delay to secure an additional missionary for Japan.

The following resolutions were adopted in order as arranged :

Resolved, That having visited Newberry College on invitation of President Geo. B. Cromer we express our gratification at the prosperity of this institution under his successful management.

Resolved, That the President be instructed to return our sincere thanks to the pastor and people of this congregation, and to the citizens of Newberry, for our very cordial reception and hospitable entertainment during this convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to return the thanks of this body to the Southeastern Passenger Association for reduced rates to this convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 2500 copies of the Minutes printed, upon the best terms available, and to distribute them equitably among the Synods ; and that an appropriation of $25 be made to compensate him for his services.

Resolved, That if the balance in the Treasury be not sufficient to pay for the printing and distribution of the Minutes the Secretary is hereby authorized to assess the district Synods to meet the deficit.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report presented the following which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO AUDIT TREASURER'S REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT : Your committee to audit Treasurer's Report have examined vouchers, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. COPENHAVER,
J. B. DERRICK.

Revs. W. A. Lutz, L. L. Smith, and M. M. Kinard were

appointed a Committee to Nominate Delegates to other General Bodies.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Synod proceeded to ballot for the place of the next meeting; the vote resulted in the choice of Winston, N. C. Time, Wednesday before the third Sunday in May, 1900.

On motion, the Report of the Treasurer of Theological Seminary was ordered to be printed. Following is the report:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

H. S. TROUT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

EVANG. LUTH. CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

1895.		DR.		
Sept.	1.	To balance due by Treasurer	$ 846	29
1896.				
Feb.	14.	To C. H. Duls, executor W. A. Barrier, decd. . .	1500	00
1897.				
Jan.	28.	To three notes Hugh W. Harris and int. (Bar. est.)	486	90
Feb.	5.	To one note S. W. Davis (Bar. est.)	375	00
Feb.	5.	To interest due on same	26	25
Aug.	7.	To 1½ yrs. int. to Aug. 7, '96, on $2,000 loan to Virginia Synod	180	00
1898.				
May	10.	To amt. interest collected on loans to date . . .	297	20
			$3711	64
May	10.	By amt. paid out	612	30
May	10.	To balance due by Treasurer	$3099	34
1896.		CR.		
Feb.	12.	Recording deed for lots, Salem, Va.	$ 2	90
April	13.	Paid expenses of Board, Columbia, S. C.	33	42
Sept.	17.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt	182	55
Dec.	7.	Paid expenses of Board, Columbia, S. C.	95	60
Dec.	7.	Paid expenses Rev. Dr. Horne and party	11	25
Dec.	7.	Paid expenses Rev. Dr. Horne, Newberry, S. C.	12	60
1897.				
Mar.	1.	Paid Rev. E. T. Horne	12	50
Mar.	3.	Paid Geo. B. Cromer, Treasurer	10	00
June	16.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt	150	00

July	26.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt	50 00
Sept.	10.	Paid Geo. B. Cromer	10 00
Sept.	28.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt	41 48
			$612 30

STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

Cash	$3099 34
Notes of Virginia Synod	2000 00
Two notes S. W. Harris, $375.00 each (Barrier estate)	750 00
	$5849 34

In addition to the above I have some notes which were turned over to me by the former treasurer, Mr. Wm. McCauley, but these notes I regard as worthless; on some I have brought suit with no results.

For the last two years I have found it difficult to keep the funds safely invested, and a part of the time receiving only such interest as the banks would pay. On one loan which I made the parties failed, and is a total loss, but I will make this good to the Seminary. This is included in the cash statement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. TROUT, TREASURER.

VISITORS TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to other General Bodies reported, and the following were elected: To General Synod—Rev. L. A. Fox, principal; Rev. J. H. Wilson, alternate; to General Council—Rev. A. G. Voigt, principal; Rev. S. S. Rahn, alternate.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 9.30 A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Greever.

The Committee on Literary Institutions reported the following which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Cheering reports come to us from all our institutions of learning. As the welfare, growth, and influence of our church are so vitally connected with the successful operation of our literary institutions, it

gives your committee more than ordinary pleasure to report their progress and success as exhibited by catalogues placed in their hands. The positive Christian character of our schools is particularly gratifying. They are Lutheran institutions, and the large attendance of students is a most hopeful sign. It indicates a healthful appreciation not only of the value of an education, but of a Christian education. Our State institutions, with elaborate and expensive equipment, but without thought or care for the Christian culture of our young people, are offering tempting inducements to secure the patronage of our people. That our people are not willing to pitch their tent toward Sodom is occasion for profound gratitude. We must send our boys and girls to our own Lutheran institutions where they will be trained in the true faith of our fathers.

1. Roanoke College, located in the famous Roanoke Valley of Virginia, has an enrollment of 190 students. This college, founded by Dr. Bittle, in that strong, deep faith that never faltered before difficulties, has come to its present eminent success by the courageous and consecrated labors of a devoted faculty who took up the work where he laid it down. The college aims continually to increase its proficiency to train students for the highest and best success in life. Several of the younger members of the faculty are now in Europe preparing to more efficiently teach on special lines.

Every year more attention is bestowed upon the Christian culture of the students.

Among the students of the past session were a number of young Koreans, one of whom graduates this year. This is said to be the first Korean ever graduated from an American college.

Roanoke College has done a great and good work for our church, and well deserves the success attained and the faithful support of the church in the future.

2. Newberry College, located in the healthful and cultured town of Newberry, occupies a prominent place among the literary institutions of our country. The buildings, appointments, and equipments are such as to offer ample opportunity for a thorough and high grade classical and literary training. The manly and unselfish spirit of Dr. Holland in laying broad and secure foundations for the wider usefulness of the college has been emphasized by his worthy and distinguished successor. Through the labors of the President and his efficient faculty, the college has attained unprecedented success, the highest enrollment in its history, 161. This is most remarkable success, considering the limited territory from which it draws its patronage, and is, at the same time, the very highest endorsement of the present management. The college is doing a great work for the church, and the church is showing its appreciation. The experiment of co-educa-

tion has been quite satisfactory. Quite a number of young ladies have availed themselves of the opportunity to secure higher education, and are in the class-room contesting for literary honors.

The college is to be congratulated upon having secured its claim of $15,000 against the government. This will not only enable the authorities largely to increase the efficiency of the college, but will encourage its friends to renewed efforts in its support.

3. North Carolina College has always been an important and potent factor in the development and growth of the church. It is the institution of the North Carolina Synod, and enjoys the confidence and receives the hearty support of the Synod.

A gratifying fact in the history of the college is that a very large per cent. of its graduates enter the ministry, so, year by year, becoming more closely identified with the church. Under the control and direction of its young, able, and energetic President, aided by a capable faculty, and with many improvements upon its property, the college enters upon a career of success never before attained.

The full confidence of the Synod in its present management was confirmed by its action at its last meeting in determining upon giving the college definite and decided financial support, as well as to increase the effort to secure patronage. Seventy-five students were enrolled last year, and the prospect for much larger attendance the coming session are most hopeful.

4. Marion Female College has been successfully fulfilling its mission and rendering the church invaluable service for a quarter of a century. The college was instituted by the Southwest Virginia Synod, and must be maintained under the auspices of the Lutheran church. During the past year many improvements have been made upon the property. The chapel and society hall have been frescoed and hot and cold water have been introduced through the college. The course of study has been revised, advancing the departments of mathematics and English literature. A regular course in church history and Bible study has been added to the curriculum, and Luther's Catechism is taught. A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society makes a specialty of training its members for missionary work.

The college is now preparing to celebrate its *Quarto-Centennial.* During the twenty-five years of its existence it has secured a property worth $20,000 and enrolled about one thousand students, of whom more than one hundred have graduated.

The Alumnae are preparing a handsome souvenir edition of the *Collegian.* By the good work already done, and the better work its increased and improved facilities offer, this college may justly claim enlarged support and patronage.

5. Mont Amoena Female Seminary is located in the delightful town of Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

The catalogue and report of the Board of Trustees show that this institution is highly prosperous. The total enrollment for the past session was 98, every room in the building being occupied and the States of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Florida being represented in the patronage. The catalogue shows regular graduating courses, post-graduate courses leading to degrees, a normal department, a commercial department, and departments embracing the usual ornamental branches taught in institutions for women. Thirteen teachers have been employed for the coming session. The building has also been enlarged and improved, and the modern equipments, such as hot and cold water and baths, will be introduced during vacation. The very moderate expenses, the thorough and substantial work done in all the departments, together with the noble service already rendered the church, most highly commend this institution to the patronage of our people.

6. Elizabeth College for women is a new claimant for the patronage of the church.

It is located in the healthful and progressive city of Charlotte, N. C. The elegant building occupies an ideal site, in a park of twenty acres. Standing on an eminence it commands a full view of the city and surrounding country. The college, in all its arrangements, appointments, and equipments, is conceded to be one of the most complete in all our country. It is lighted by electricity and heated by steam. The property is valued at $90,000. The aim of the college as announced by its projectors is "to furnish to young women an education in the classics, mathematics, and sciences equal to that obtained in our best colleges for young men, and to add to these that special training in social culture, music, art and conversation which shall better qualify her to enjoy and to do well her life work, whatever that work may be. Elizabeth is a Christian college, for the reason that the Christian faith is an element of the highest culture." It is a thoroughly Lutheran college in its management, life, and purpose. It is a high grade institution—a university for our young women, furnishing ample opportunity for higher education to those who have graduated from our excellent preparatory schools.

With a large and competent faculty of eighteen members, many of whom were prepared for their positions, by special study in the universities of this country and Europe, the college is prepared to do the most thorough work in accordance with the best modern standards, and offers advantages unexcelled by any other institution.

That there is a field for such an institution in our church is confirmed by the large attendance during this first session. This, too,

without affecting the attendance upon other and older institutions. Ninety-four students were enrolled, of whom eighty were boarders. All have enjoyed fine health and made most satisfactory progress. The success of the college, this first year, has, in all respects, surpassed the most sanguine expectations of its friends. Elizabeth College deserves the hearty support of the church.

W. C. SCHAEFFER,
J. Q. WERTZ.

Synod resumed consideration of Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention. (See pages 39 and 40.)

Item 1. Yes.

Item 2. Generally done. Synod earnestly repeats the request that all district Synods comply.

Item 3. See reports of Treasurers Duls and Trout.

Item 4. No report.

Item 5. Action complied with. See President's Report.

Item 6. Effort made but nothing accomplished. On motion, the committee was continued. (See Minutes 1895, page 66.)

Item 7. In part.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, it was ordered that Rev. L. G. M. Miller be reimbursed in the sum of ten dollars ($10) for expenses incurred as representative of this body in the Joint Committee on Co-operation.

The committee on tender of Elizabeth College presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TENDER OF ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, Through the blessings of Providence, an institution for the higher education of young women, known as Elizabeth College, has been founded, and is now in successful operation within the bounds of the United Synod, at Charlotte, N. C., and

WHEREAS, Said Elizabeth College is a Lutheran institution, under Lutheran management, originally founded for the daughters of the Lutheran church, having a Board of Advisers composed chiefly of prominent Lutheran ministers and laymen, and controlled by a Board of Directors all of whom are Lutheran, and the institution being in its methods and life loyal to the cultus and life of the Lutheran church; and

WHEREAS, The College is a high grade institution, ranking with the best institutions in the South and in the Lutheran church in this country, aiming to fill a place hitherto unoccupied by any of our Lutheran schools and doing a work of great and lasting benefit to our Church; and

WHEREAS, The College is being managed without financial responsibility to the United Synod; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That the United Synod express its pleasure at the founding and successful inauguration of a college of such high rank and useful mission within its bounds, and for its special benefit.

Resolved, 2. That it place on record its hearty appreciation of the aim and work of said College.

Resolved, 3. That it give said College its endorsement and pledge its active interest and moral support to the promoters and directors thereof.

Resolved, 4. That the Synod recommend the College to the confidence of our people and to the patronage of those who desire the advantages of an institution with modern equipment and of high rank.

Resolved, 5. That a committee of three be appointed, consisting of Rev. R. C. Holland, Hon. A. P. Rhyne, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, to take under advisement the tender made by the present Directors of aforesaid college, and that this committee report to Synod at its next regular convention.

W. C. SCHAEFFER,
W. A. LUTZ,
M. M. KINARD.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the sexton of this church $5 for his services during the sessions of this synodical convention.

The Committee on District Synods rendered no report.

The officers of Synod were authorized and instructed to arrange programme and appoint speakers for the next meeting of Synod, and to make due announcement of the same.

The minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business Synod adjourned, and was formally closed according to the usage of the church.

I testify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Sixth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

M. G. G. SCHERER, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF W. J. DUFFIE.

Statement and Report made to United Synod in the South of Sales of Book of Worship and Common Service by W. J. Duffie, Publisher, April 9, 1896.

Books of Worship, 24 mo. bound, on hand September 10, 1895, 412; pulpit edition, on hand 83 copies; bound, on hand September 10, 1895		495
Made since in sheets 2,000 (24 mo. Book of Worship from September 10, 1895, to April 9, 1896, 2,000 copies); bound up		1500
		1995
Pulpit edition bound from September 10, 1895, to April 9, 1896		40
		2035
Leaving on hand, pulpit sheets, April 9, 1896, 64 copies; April 9, 1896, on hand 500 sheets, 24 mo., unbound.		
April 9, 1896, on hand, bound, 24 mo	1 094	
April 9, 1896, on hand, bound, pulpit	80	
		1174
		861
Deduct edition of 500 on which Synod foregoes its royalty and 15 copies given away to feeble churches		515
Leaving sold to April 9, '96		346
Copies from Sept. 9, '95: 346 at a royalty of 8 cts. per copy is equal to		$ 27 68
The Common Service account stands same as reported Sept. 10, 1895, with the exception that we have made since, printed and bound 200 cheap Common Service, and have on hand now, April 9, '96; hence, we have sold 33 copies at 13 cts. each, $4.29, from Sept. 10, '95, to April 9, '96, at a royalty of 5 per cent		21
Which, with royalty due on Books of Worship as above, makes due to April 9, '96		$ 27 89

Hence, I was due Synod on April 9, '96, $27.89, and contracted with Synod to pay 5 cts. each royalty on all copies sold from that date, and same royalty as before on Common Service, viz., 5 per cent. on retail price of all sold.

Report of Book of Worship sales from April 9, '96, to date, May 10, '98:

On hand, April 9, '96, Book of Worship, all sizes, copies . . .	1174
Bound up the 500 sheets on hand, April 9, '96, copies	500
Printed and bound since April 9, '96	500
Total copies	2174
Deduct, on hand now, May 10, '98	270
	1904

Hence, nineteen hundred and four copies have been sold from April 9, '96, to date, May 10, '98, at a royalty of 5 cts. each per copy, makes . . . . . $ 95 20

COMMON SERVICE—CHEAP EDITION.

Since last report, April 9, 1896, to May 10, 1898, I report as follows:

Cheap Common Service on hand April 9, 1896, 167 copies, made since 200, deduct 11 on hand now; hence, sales have been 356 since last report, April 9, 1896, at 15 cents each, $53.40 at 5 per cent. royalty, makes	$ 2 67
Since last report, April 9, 1896, to date, May 10, 1898, we have sold 1 Common Service, pulpit size, cloth, at 54 cents, 1 copy pulpit size, arabesque gilt, $1.17, which at a royalty of 5 per cent. amounts to	08
Add amount due Synod April 9, 1896	27 89
Total now due Synod	$125 84

I enclose draft for same. Very truly,

W. J. DUFFIE.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. S. Laird; 8.30 p. m., Rev. Dr. L. G. M. Miller.

Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. L. Seabrook; 8.30 p. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. L. A. Fox; 8.30 p. m., Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

Methodist Church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. F. V. N. Painter; 8.30 p. m., Rev. V. R. Stickley.

Associated Reformed Church—11 a. m., Rev. C. B. Miller; 8.30 p. m., Rev. J. J. Scherer.

A. M. E. Church—3.30 p. m., Rev. W. H. Greever; 8.30 p. m., Rev. J. B. Greiner.

City Mission of the Methodist Church—11 a. m., Rev. C. A. Freed.

Colony Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. L. Cromer.

Beth Eden Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. A. Cromer.

Grace (Prosperity) Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. A. Lutz.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PAROCHIAL.

Index No. See line with corresponding No. below.	Names of Synods.	Organized.	Ministers.	Churches.	Stations.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Excommunication and all others.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmation.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for All Objects.
1	North Carolina Synod	1803	34	60	1	99	97	158	351	29	219	115	3	7136	$200600	$ 8571 30	$ 21305 06
2	Tennessee Synod	1820	41	108	.	178	34	2	563	60	561	101	4	8462	. . .	. . . .	15766 63
3	South Carolina Synod	1824	40	64	11	195	71	22	438	49	376	159	.	8408	272962	21397 61	33993 00
4	Virginia Synod	1829	31	68	22	94	57	151	159	139	143	126	5	5836	203170	7200 00	22022 70
5	Southwestern Virginia Synod	1842	31	58	21	47	78	9	131	60	89	49	5	4416	157500	22331 00	12236 62
6	Mississippi Synod	1855	8	14	.	8	3	.	12	11	5	12	.	706	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .
7	Georgia Synod	1860	14	19	.	18	33	.	138	8	71	70	.	2156	138650	. . . .	14727 23
8	Holston Synod	1861	9	21	.	23	.	13	114	28	133	6	4	1286	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .
	Total	. .	208	412	55	662	373	355	1906	384	1597	638	21	38406	$972882	$59499 91	$120051 24

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Index Number.	Names of Synods.	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.
1	. . . . .	58	.	680	5314	$1716 54
2	. . . . .	77	.	375	3793	. . . .
3	. . . . .	62	.	627	4880	1710 81
4	. . . . .	62	.	828	3131	2555 09
5	. . . . .	41	20	459	3571	620 64
6	. . . . .	7	.	22	243	. . . .
7	. . . . .	18	.	229	1563	1633 48
8	. . . . .	17	.	92	740	. . . .
	Total	342	20	3312	23235	$8236 56

BENEVOLENCE.

Index Number.	Names of Synods.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Women's Miss. Soc.	Orphan Home.	Pastors' Fund.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.
1	. . . . .	$ 449 34	$ 655 31	$ 318 01	$154 91	$135 36	$ 642 97	$ 177 81	$ . . .	$ 348 38	$ 2683 22
2	. . . . .	509 82	678 13	31 82	. . .	. . .	. . . .	204 88	9 85	6247 77	7817 72
3	. . . . .	1537 85	397 38	338 14	. . .	425 00	720 39	135 24	92 00	1525 14	5667 86
4	. . . . .	401 83	1208 42	1659 09	. . .	219 05	412 74	353 48	. . .	568 49	. . . .
5	. . . . .	625 17	222 72	180 73	11 00	45 53	660 99	385 26	. . . .	191 65	2445 56
6	. . . . .	14 55	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .
7	. . . . .	89 84	278 19	182 11	. . .	140 00	777 09	. . . .	. . . .	151 50	1566 34
8	. . . . .	68 15	288 59	89 74	. . .	29 31	. . . .	80 08	. . . .	. . . .	555 87
	Total	$3696 55	$3728 74	$2799 64	$165 91	$994 25	$3214 18	$1336 75	$ 101 85	$9032 93	$20736 57

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PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Place—Charleston, S. C.
Time—Wednesday before the third Sunday in May, 1902.

Time corrected—Wednesday before second Sunday in May 1902.

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IN THE SOUTH.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in its seventh regular convention in Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., on Wednesday, May 16, 1900, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. B. Greiner, from the text Exodus 14:15, following which the members of Synod partook of the Holy Communion.

Addresses of welcome were made by Bishop Edward Rondthaler, of the Moravian Church, on behalf of the Ministers' Association of Winston-Salem, and by the Honorable, the Mayor, O. B. Eaton, on the part of the city. These addresses were responded to, for the Synod, by E. L. Greever, Esq.

Rt. Rev. E. Rondthaler, D. D., of the Moravian Church, Rev. H. A. Brown, D. D., of the Baptist Church, Rev. R. E. Caldwell, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. W. G. Walters, of the Christian Church, were formally introduced to the Synod.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1900, 4.30 P. M.

The Synod was formally opened according to the usage of the Church.

Delegates-elect from the several district synods were reported present and enrolled.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

North Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, Rev. Chas. B. Miller, Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. L. E. Busby, Rev. V. R. Stickley, Rev. J. A. Linn.

LAY—Messrs. C. T. Bernhardt, Jas. D. Heilig, F. B. Brown, A. D. Wessell, Jno. K Patterson, C. D. Barringer, S. H. Hearne.

South Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. H. Wilson, *Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., *Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. C. P. Boozer, Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., Rev. S. C. Ballentine, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

LAY—Messrs. Wm. P. Houseal, John F. Ficken, John C. Seegers, J. W. Jenny, Geo. B. Cromer, A. H. Kohn, E. H. Aull, J. D. Cappelmann, A. G. Wise.

Tennessee Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. E. H. Kohn, Rev. A. L. Boleik, Rev. C. L. Miller, Rev. W. A Deaton, Rev. J. A. Cromer, Rev. J. F. Deal.

LAY—Messrs. Ambrose L. Henkel, Wm. F. Curry, Miles Huffman. C. M. Efird.

Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, Rev. C. A. Freed, Rev. E. A. Shenk.

LAY—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, G. H. Snarr, J. L. Wismau, H. L. Snyder.

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*Rev. Dr. Hallman did not appear until the third session. (See Minutes third session.) Prior to his arrival, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, alternate, was seated as a member of Synod. At the fourth session Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh was excused from further attendance, and Rev. M. G. G. Scherer was recognized as alternate delegate. (See Minutes fourth session.)

Southwest Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., Rev. J. B. Greiner, Rev. L. A. Fox, D D., Rev. A. Phillippi, D. D , Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. Robt. W. Kime, E. L. Greever, H. P. Copenhaver, J. S. Etter, H. S. Trout.

Georgia Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D , Rev. J. S. Elmore, Rev. D. A. Sox.

LAY—Messrs. J. M. Gnann, Jacob Paulsen, Dr. B. T. Wise.

Holston Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. B. Greever.

LAY—Messrs. L. H. Copenhaver, Samuel Booher.

Mississippi Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

The President read his report, which was held for reference to committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE SYNOD: "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

First of all, we owe an expression of hearty thanks to our Lord for the continued preservation of His church with us—for His special Providence over the part which we represent—during the many years of its history, and for the blessings bestowed upon our Southern work.

After years of uncertainty, our enterprises are assuming so permanent a character that we may safely proceed to build upon the foundation laid and to enlarge our operations as surrounding opportunities appear, and, in the call of our duty, hear the call of God.

DR. H. S. WINGARD.

The joy over the prosperous conditions under which we meet to day is made less by the fact that one, who was so deeply interested in all that concerns the prosperity of our Church, is not here to rejoice with us in the success of our plans.

Rev. Dr. H. S. Wingard, the Vice-President of this Synod, prominent in all our enterprises, an earnest lover of the Church, and devoted to the advancement of all its affairs, passed from the sufferings of life to the joys of heaven on the first day of December, 1899. The Synod should appoint a time for memorial service.

CONDITION OF WORK.

Your attention is called to the following outline of the condition and needs of our work:

The United Synod is to be congratulated upon the following points of common interest:

First. Upon the kind fraternal relations existing between it and the General Synod and General Council, as shown in the mutual exchange of representatives, and, also, in co-operative work and in the effort to have a Common Service Book.

Second. Upon the success of the Lutheran Diet, held in Philadelphia, December, 1898, in which this Synod participated in the person of its accredited representative, Rev. H. F. Scheele. The consideration, by the general bodies comprising that Diet, of points of agreement, laid the foundation for future deliberation upon other points and for better co-operative work.

Third. Upon the increased unity of sentiment in the district synods towards the various enterprises of the United Synod now in hand, or the kind attention given to their claims. This is an encouragement to a full understanding and harmonions support.

Fourth. Upon the exhibit of the several synods as presented in their minntes for the past two years, showing that they are reaching out in their sphere of work, and each year giving more earnest, concentrated attention to the extension of all church interests.

Fifth. Upon a review of the operations of all the enterprises of the United Synod, for the same period, showing not only activity, but a searching for more effective means to accomplish their designs. The committees having in charge the business matters of the Synod will present their exact condition, and this official report will contain only suggestions to be considered in connection with these special reports.

OBJECTS NEEDING ATTENTION.

Among the objects claiming our prayerful consideration are the Theological Seminary, the Orphanage, Missions and Church extension, Literary Institutions, the Publication House, and associated interests.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The information we have as to the permanent location of our Theological Seminary, and the success of its operations for two years, sustained as it will be by the report of its President, warrant us in undertaking its permanent enlargement. If this is done, the efficiency of the institution will be put beyond doubt. It is recommended that at this convention the Synod arrange a plan for an endowment, for a stated Faculty and for the complete material equipment of the Seminary.

THE ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Salem, Virginia, by the kindness of friends, has been able to secure elegant and large accommodations in the way of building and increased facilities for work. This encourages us to take up most heartily its support in whatever way it may ask. It is recommended that the Synod consider whether the time has come to open a home for old people or disabled ministers, or for any other similar purpose, in connection with the Orphanage.

MISSIONS.

The work of Missions and Church extension is vital to our progress, and must receive all the serious attention we can give to its claims. It is a matter of great thankfulness that the Mission Board has increased its Foreign work by arranging to send a third missionary to Japan. While most glorious opportunities are opening for the extension of every department of our work, we must be confident that our Lord has placed before us the means of doing His work, if there is in us a willing mind. It is recommended that an effort be made to secure individual persons or congregations to contribute annually a specified amount towards the support of missionaries. Our Home Mission work calls for an extension of its operations in West Virginia, and in the Southern and Southwestern territory of this Synod. It is recommended that the General Secretary confer with the Mission Board of each synod in which the United Synod is operating as to the nature and extent of the work to be done.

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Our literary institutions are each year extending their influence, and should be relied upon to strengthen the Church by directing the increased power that education gives into Christian channels, for the Christian Church should be hand in hand with its Christian schools These institutions and the Church, through its synods, should be brought into closer sympathy and support, each of the other. Having an endowment of money is necessary to establish them in their competition with free, State institutions, but an endowment of love and loyalty is just as much needed. Being schools of the Church, they have a right to ask the support of the Church, which may be promoted by the officials of the colleges visiting the congregations and laying the wants of the institutions upon the heart and conscience of the people. The pastors should give most hearty encouragement to these school officials, advising our wealthy laymen to make bequests to our institutions. It is recommended that a time be set apart during this Convention to consider the matter of advancing the interests of our colleges.

THE PUBLICATION HOUSE.

Not only a valuable, but a most necessary aid in all departments of church work is a publication house. The Synod acted wisely in starting such an enterprise, and should now take hold to make it what it should be—a strong help to all parts of our work. It is advised that all the publication interests of the United Synod be centered in this house. The report, to be submitted, is commended for favorable action.

RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTION.

It is advised that a committee, one member from each synod, be appointed to prepare a uniform blank for our parochial reports; also, that special care be exercised in filling these blanks by the Secretaries of congregations, in order that we may have accurate statistics at the close of the century. As there are so many open heresies about us, so many partially hidden under a guise of piety; so many direct attacks upon God's Word; so much freedom in religious belief—all drawing people from the saving truth of the Gospel—it becomes us to guard carefully the preaching of the pure Word of God, to look after the faithful instruction of our youth in the family, in the class, and in our schools, that they may be fully grounded in the doctrine of the Bible as set forth in our Church Confession, and thus be fortified against all attacks upon their spiritual life. The fact that our Lutheran Church has escaped grievous troubles from such causes is undoubtedly due to our holding fast to "the faith once delivered to the saints." Let us establish ourselves, our congregations, our little ones on the foundation of the infallible Word of God, and we shall never be moved.

Expressing my full appreciation of the honor conferred upon me two years ago, I pray that the Spirit of True Wisdom and brotherly kindness may pervade all our work.

Fraternally,

J. B. GREINER.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to cast the unanimous vote of Synod for Rev. J. B. Greiner for the office of President. Rev. J. B. Greiner was accordingly elected.

On motion, the election of other officers was postponed until Thursday morning.

The hours of meeting and adjournment from time to time were fixed as follows: From 9 A. M. to 12.30 P. M., and from 3 P. M. to such time as Synod may elect to adjourn.

On motion, the following were appointed to furnish suitable reports of the proceedings of this body to the newspapers: for the Salisbury papers, Rev. L. E. Busby; for the Columbia papers, Rev. S. C. Ballentine; for the Charlotte papers, Rev. C. L. Miller; for the *News and Courier* of Charleston, Rev. J. W. Horine.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President:

1. On President's Report—Revs. R. C. Holland, J. W. Horine, E. H. Kohn, M. O. J. Kreps, and Messrs. J. D. Cappelmann and Jas. D. Heilig.

2. On Minutes of Last Synod—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Greever, C. A. Freed, C. P. Boozer, and Messrs. C. T. Bernhardt, A. H. Kohn, and A. D. Wessell.

3. On District Synods—Rev. J. J. Scherer, C. L. Miller, S. C. Ballentine, J. A. Cromer, and Messrs. L. H. Copenhaver and A. G. Wise.

4. On State of the Church—Revs. A. G. Voigt, A. Phillippi, J. C. Moser, C. A. Marks, and Messrs. H. P. Copenhaver and Jacob Paulsen.

5. *On Devotional Exercises*—Pastor loci and officers of Synod.

6. On Theological Seminary—Revs. A. G. Voigt, R. A. Yoder, C. B. Miller, W. J. Smith, Hon. H. S. Trout, and Dr. B. T. Wise.

7. On Literary Institutions—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, J. L. Derrick, J. A. Linn, J. S. Elmore, and Messrs. Jno. C. Seegers and Samuel Booher.

8. On Missions—Revs. S. T. Hallman, Geo. H. Cox, W. A. Deaton, D. P. T. Crickenberger, and Messrs. Wm. P. Houseal and S. H. Hearne.

9. To Audit Treasurer's Report—Messrs. Jno. F. Ficken, J. S. Etter, and Ambrose L. Henkel.

10. On Letters and Petitions—Revs. L. A. Fox, L. E.

Busby, J. A. B. Scherer, W. P. Cline, and Messrs J. E. Cooper, C. D. Barringer, and J. M. Gnann.

11. On Church Literature—Revs. W. L. Seabrook, M. M. Kinard, V. R. Stickley, and Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, C. M. Efird, and G. H. Snarr.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. V. R. Stickley.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

The Synod met and was led in prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, was recognized as a visitor, and the courtesies of Synod were extended him.

The following were received as advisory members: Rev. J. A. Morehead, Pres. J. D. Dreher, Rev. D. I. Offman, Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary Board of Missions, Rev. E. C. Cronk, Rev. W. H. Greever, Rev. C. K. Lippard, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Rev. A. R. Beck, Rev. J. L. Deaton, Rev. R. H. Cline, Rev. R. L. Patterson, Rev. B. W. Cronk, Rev. J. A. Arndt, Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph. D., Rev. W. R. Ketchie, Rev. H. E. H. Sloop.

The presence of Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D., official visitor from the General Council, was noted, and the hour of half past three o'clock this afternoon was set apart for his formal reception.

Synod proceeded to complete the election of officers. The election resulted as follows:

Rev. R. A. Yoder—Vice-President.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer—Secretary.

Chas. H. Duls, Esq.—Treasurer.

On motion, it was resolved that the addresses of welcome at the opening of Synod and the response thereto be secured and published in our church papers.

The Rules of Order were read.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the hearing of his report was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was read and referred to committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Herewith is presented a narrative of the Board's work since the meeting of the United Synod in Newberry, S. C., in May of 1898. At that meeting the old Board of Missions, which had been in office since 1895, was re-elected, with the substitution of J. A. Alexander, Esq., of Staunton, Va., in the place of Hon. H. S. Trout. The Board as elected is composed of the following persons: Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., L. L Smith, W. L. Seabrook, and J. Paul Stirewalt, and Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, J. E. Cooper, and J. A. Alexander, Esq

Immediately after the adjournment of the Synod at Newberry a meeting of the Board was called, and a formal organization was effected by the election of Rev. L. L. Smith, President; Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer; and the re-election of Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary, and General Secretary of the Board. The Revs. L L. Smith and W. L. Seabrook and Mr. J. E. Cooper were designated as an Executive Committee. Three regular meetings of the Board have been held, as follows: At Newberry, S. C., May 12, 1898; at Salem, Va., October 11 and 12, 1898; and at Winchester, Va., August 28 and 29 1899 Meetings of the Executive Committee have been held frequently, as the needs of the work demanded.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations, adopted by the United Synod, have guided us in our work during the past two years:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the synods belonging to this body, for Foreign Missions, the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the synods belonging to this body, for Home Missions, the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. That each district synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the Home and Foreign work of the Board of Missions.

These recommendations have been presented to the district synods and have been annually endorsed by them, with the exception of the Tennessee Synod. That synod, when asked to actively co-operate in the mission work of the United Synod, has reaffirmed the principles of co-operation heretofore laid down by it, and "as a synod" has refused co-operation with the other synods of the United Synod. It does not, however, deny to any pastor, congregation, or individual the privilege to contribute to this work as each may deem best.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Our General Secretary has continued to make Atlanta, Ga., his headquarters, and in addition to his other work, he has regularly ministered to the congregation at that point. He has visited annually all the eight district synods and the three women's conventions, and as often as possible or necessary he has visited the mission congregations under the care of the Board. He has attended and kept a record of all Board meetings, sent circular and personal letters to pastors, received the monthly reports from the Home Missionaries, and attended to the correspondence with them, and he has furnished envelopes for mission collections as called for by congregations.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

We wish again to call special attention to the good work done by the Women's Societies of the United Synod. In many of our congregations these societies are organized, and missionary intelligence is disseminated and money collected by them. In the North and South Carolina and the Southwest Virginia Synods the Women's Societies hold annual State conventions, which are well attended. These three conventions have continued to cordially co-operate with the Board, and from them no inconsiderable part of the Board's income has been derived. From May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900, the South Carolina Convention has paid $908.90 for Home and $502.91 for Foreign Missions; the North Carolina Convention has paid $819.56 for Home and $526.17 for Foreign Missions; the Southwest Virginia Convention has paid $650 for Home and $753.65 for Foreign Missions—a total of $4,161.19. All these items are included in our Treasurer's report in the totals received by him from synods, as these contributions have been counted to make up the apportionments of the synods to which the conventions belong. It is evident from these figures that our work could not have been so successfully carried on without

this generous co-operation on the part of our women. The missionary department of the *Lutheran Visitor* has been kept up by the persons appointed by the conventions for this work, and we know that much good has been accomplished by the information furnished. We trust that the pleasant relations existing at present between these women's conventions and the Mission Board will continue.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

An earnest effort has been made to induce pastors to cultivate an interest among the children of the congregations in mission work. As directed by the United Synod, all pastors have been requested to hold regular children's missionary meetings and to collect money from them for this work. In some charges regular Children's Societies have been organized. In others the Sunday School as an integral part of the Church is the Children's Missionary Organization, actively and regularly co-operating in the missionary work of the congregation. The Board had received up to May 1st directly from Children's Societies—from the South Carolina Synod, $165.88 for Home and $5 for Foreign Missions; from the Southwest Virginia Synod, $80.40 for Home and $229.82 for Foreign Missions; and from the North Carolina Synod, $172.95 for Foreign Missions—a total of $654.05. We believe that this work among the children of our Church is capable of almost indefinite expansion, and we trust that in the future all our pastors and congregations will give it the attention it deserves.

HOME MISSIONS.

In connection with the Home Mission work which has been carried on by the Board since the last meeting of the United Synod we present the following details:

The old work under the care of the Board as reported on at that time has been continued, viz.: The First Church and Trinity Mission, Richmond, Va.; Winston, N. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Asheville, N. C.; Bristol, Greenville, and Morristown, Tenn.; Fitzgerald, Ga.; and the Alabama Mission. At Newport News, Va., the work which was at that time announced as contemplated, has been successfully begun, a regular missionary has been placed there, and a church building has been secured; Greensboro and Lexington, N. C., have been assumed as missions of the Board, and a missionary was for some time sustained at these points; the pastor at Bluefield, W. Va., has been allowed to give a part of his time to Tazewell, Va., and it is hoped that another missionary can be placed in that territory at an early date; the pastor at Graham has added two preaching points to his charge, viz.: Keystone and Arlington; and a work within the bounds of the Mississippi Synod at Goodman has

been begun. We herewith present some facts as information in connection with these missions.

Missions in Virginia.

FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND.

The only material change in this mission since our last report is the change of pastors that has been made, which was caused by the fact that the Rev. J. A. Morehead, who had so acceptably served the congregation, was called to the Presidency of the Theological Seminary. He was succeeded at Richmond by the Rev. C. A. Marks, who is now serving the congregation, which now numbers 264 communicants, with 200 children in the Sunday School. The salary of $900 a year is paid in full by the congregation. The debt on the property has not been reduced, being $4,800; besides a claim of $2,500 held by the Virginia Synod, and a note of $1,000 held by this Board. No successful steps have yet been taken either for the sale of the present church property or the erection on the vacant lot of a new church building. The Board is waiting for developments which will help to a decision in this matter.

TRINITY MISSION.

The Sunday School at Trinity Church has been continued up to this time, but according to the previously announced policy of the Board a pastor has not been put into this field. The Church Extension Society of the Southwest Virginia Synod notified the Board that it desired the return of a loan of $800, which had been made to this congregation before it was under the control of the Board of Missions. As neither the Board nor the congregation had the ability to repay this loan, and as the final outcome of this mission appeared extremely doubtful, the Church Extension Society was notified that they might, with the co-operation of the Executive Committee of the Board, foreclose their *deed of trust.* At the request of the Executive Committee of the Board action has been delayed by the Church Extension Society of said Synod. When this shall have been done the members of Trinity mission are advised as far as practicable to remove their church and Sunday-school membership to the First church.

NORFOLK, VA.

Rev. J. E. Shenk is still successfully filling the pastorate of this mission, which now has a membership of 126 communicants and 80 Sunday-school scholars, and pays on an average about $50 a month on salary. The increased amount paid by the congregation on salary has enabled the Board to decrease its payment to $30 a month. The church property at Norfolk cost us originally $4,500, and improvements including church

furniture have been added about $3,500. Of this amount the Board paid $3,000, the congregation obligating itself to pay the balance—all of which has been paid by them excepting $1,200, two-thirds of which is covered by good pledges redeemable one year from next August. It is confidently hoped by the pastor and the congregation that in about another year the mission will be entirely self-sustaining. The work in Norfolk is in a harmonious and prosperous condition. The Virginia Synod will be entertained by this congregation in October, 1900.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

The work reported two years ago as being contemplated at Newport News, Va., was promptly begun, and has been vigorously and successfully prosecuted. Mr. W. G. Shenk, whose death we recently mourned, gave one month's valuable service to this point during the fall of 1898, and during the same fall Rev. E. A. Shenk was sent as regular missionary. Rapid and gratifying progress was made in the prosecution of the work under his administration, a congregation was organized which now numbers 62 communicants with 65 in the Sunday-school, and pays $200 a year on salary. This salary is supplemented by a payment of $400 a year from the Board. In September of 1899, the congregation with the consent of the Board decided to buy a church property for $7,000. The Virginia Synod assumed $2,000 of this amount over and above their full apportionment to the Mission Board, and the same has been apportioned among the congregations of that synod to be paid within three years. In purchasing this property, which is desirable and eligibly located, $2,000 in cash was paid by the Board and $1,000 by the congregation, and $4,000 is to be paid in one, two, three, and four years by the congregation. The details of this business are being carefully carried out by the Executive Committee of this Board. The prospects of the mission are bright.

The Southwest Virginia Missions.

The Board has continued to manage the missions within the bounds of the Southwest Virginia Synod given into its care in 1897, and it gives us pleasure to state that this arrangement has enabled that synod with the assistance of its Woman's convention to approximate full payment of the amount asked from it by the United Synod.

PULASKI AND RADFORD, VA.

Rev. J. A. Huffard continues as pastor at these points, where the membership is 86 and 26 respectively. At Pulaski a flourishing Sunday-school with 100 members is maintained. The church property at Radford being very badly located for the use of our congregation was sold by the congregation for $1,000. It is the policy of the congregation to retain this money for the purchase of a church site in a more central location. Im-

portant steps for the development of this work may be taken in the near future. The Board paid at the rate of $200 per annum for a part of the past biennium and at the rate of $240 per annum for the other part to supplement the salary of the pastor of these congregations.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

The Rev W. H. Greever continues to acceptably serve this mission, which now numbers 68 members and 43 Sunday-school scholars. The Board pays $300 a year toward the salary of this mission, which has been regarded for a number of years as the special mission of the Women's Societies of the Southwest Virginia Synod, and the congregation pays an equal amount. By special arrangement Rev. Mr. Greever is at present giving one service a month to Tazewell, Virginia, a near-by point, where there is good prospect of building up a congregation which has been in existence a number of years. In order to advance this work an effort is being made to locate another missionary on this territory with headquarters at Tazewell.

GRAHAM, VA.

The congregation at Graham, Va., now numbers 49 communicants and 60 in the Sunday-school. After the Rev. C. L. Brown, who had agreed at the time of the last meeting of the United Synod to take charge of this mission, had entered upon the work he accepted the call of the Board as the second foreign missionary to Japan. The Board thereupon called the Rev. C Willis Cassell, who has faithfully served as missionary at Graham, preaching regularly also at Keystone and Arlington, neighboring towns of the near-by "coal field" region. The most important step looking to the permanency of the work at Graham was that taken by the Church Extension of the Southwest Virginia Synod in purchasing for church and school purposes the Wartburg Seminary property, in which the services of the congregation are held. By the payment of $500 the congregation secures a five twenty-seventh interest in the Wartburg property and the use of the chapel for religious purposes. It is hoped that in time congregations will be established at the points outside of Graham where Rev. Mr. Gassell has established and maintained regular appointments. The Graham congregation is obligated for $15 a month on salary, which amount the Board supplements by a payment of $200 a year.

The East Tennessee Missions.

GREENEVILLE, TENN.

The Rev. F. M. Harr served the Greeneville mission in connection with two other congregational appointments until April 1, 1900, when he resigned to accept another pastorate of the Holston Synod. Up to that

time the Board paid $120 a year on his salary. Negotiations are now pending looking to secure another missionary for this work. The congregation at Greeneville now numbers 26 members with 30 scholars in the Sunday-school. An obligation of $600 still rests upon the congregation as a debt contracted in building the church. A prominent layman of the congregation writes under date of April 15th, saying that the Sunday-school is in a good working condition, and that if a proper pastor can be secured "the church is ripe for good results."

MORRISTOWN AND MOHAWK, TENN.

The Rev. C. M. Fox served these missions in connection with the Sinking Springs congregation of the Holston Synod until the fall of 1899, when he resigned to take work within the bounds of the Southwest Virginia Synod. At the request of these congregations the Rev. Noah Bible was appointed missionary as his successor, and he has very acceptably filled the appointments since that time. The congregation at Morristown numbers 19 communicants with 45 in the Sunday-school, and there are 10 members at Mohawk. At both points there are neat church buildings, with a slight indebtedness upon each one. The Board is obligated for $120 a year on the salary of the missionary.

BRISTOL, TENN.

The Rev. J. B. Greever served as a supply the two country congregations which form a pastorate in connection with Bristol, Tenn., but as he has been forced by other duties to relinquish this work it is expected that a regular missionary will be located on this territory in the near future. A number of prominent Lutherans now live in Bristol, and as it is an important center, and a connecting link between the Southwest Virginia and the Holston synods it is hoped that a congregation can be established and maintained at this point.

Missions in North Carolina.

Within the bounds of the North Carolina Synod the Board has operated at the following points:

WINSTON, N. C.

In view of the fact that the United Synod is now convened in this beautiful mission church, and is being entertained by this mission congregation, it seems but right that we should say, "look and see for yourselves what has been done." A few years ago on the first visit of our Secretary to this city about half a dozen Lutherans were found: the congregation now numbers 110 communicants, with 87 in the Sunday-school, and has a most eligibly situated church property valued at $15,000, practically free of debt. These results have been attained by the liberality of the churches abroad, the self-sacrificing and devoted spirit of the Lutherans and the generosity of the citizens of Winston, and the zealous minis-

try of Rev. W. A Lutz, the pastor of this congregation since its organization. The payment of the Board on the pastor's salary is reduced to $20 a month, which supplements an annual salary of $400 paid by the congregation.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Soon after the last meeting of the United Synod the services of Rev. C. Brown Cox were secured for the Asheville mission. Things went very well in the mission congregation for a time, and we hoped that the days of struggle for organization and existence were almost past. But just as a property was about to be secured reverses came—some of the most faithful and able members of the congregation moved away, and plans for the future of this work have been delayed. The final outcome of this mission cannot now be successfully foretold. The congregation now numbers 35 communicants, with 69 in the Sunday-school, and the Board supplements the pastor's salary by a payment of $30 monthly.

GREENSBORO AND LEXINGTON, N. C.

In the early fall of 1898, the Rev. P. D. Risinger was placed as missionary on the territory between and including Greensboro and Lexington, N. C. He preached regularly at these points, and occasionally at High Point. Very fair success attended the efforts at Greensboro ; while at Lexington, owing to various causes but largely it appears because of overlapping territory of the North Carolina and Tennessee synods, the attempt has proved at least a temporary failure. Rev. Mr. Risinger has resigned the work, and at present there is no missionary on this field. If later facts justify, another attempt may be made to establish missions at these points, as they are justly regarded as most desirable territory for our church. A special contribution of $200 a year from the Women's Convention of the North Carolina Synod enabled the Board to do what has been done in this section.

Missions in Georgia.

The work of the Board in Georgia has been done in Atlanta, Fitzgerald and Tallapoosa. The mission congregation in Augusta, although not yet self-sustaining, has not been aided by this Board, but by the local committee of the South Carolina Synod.

ATLANTA, GA.

The Secretary of the Board has continued to give his unemployed time to Atlanta, Ga., and with only a few ommissions besides the month of August of each year, regular weekly services have been held in the Young Men's Christian Association hall. The Lutherans resident in Atlanta now number about 65, with about 35 enrolled in the Sunday-school, and they have paid $20 monthly on salary. An attempt was made to secure funds

for the erection of a church in Atlanta by calling for contributions over and above the regular assessments, but only about $635 were thus given, in addition to two pledges—one of $500 and another of $100—from "friends" of the mission. Besides these gifts and pledges about $800 in cash and subscriptions have been raised in Atlanta for the purchase of a lot. At the last meeting of the Board it was decided that the work would be advanced by getting the lot, and then afterwards continuing to secure money for the church building. Instructions were therefore given to the Secretary to secure with all the funds on hand for this purpose as soon as possible a lot in Atlanta for a church site. Further delay, however, has been occasioned by the inability to secure a *suitable* lot for the amount of money on hand. It is hoped that advance steps in this direction can be taken at an early day.

FITZGERALD, GA.

The congregation at Fitzgerald now numbers 40 members, with 47 in the Sunday-school. The Rev. H. F. Long, the pastor in charge, has most faithfully and generously served this congregation, and since the last meeting of this body he has completed a small but very neat and comfortable church on the very centrally located lot which he had previously secured. In recognition of his service the Board has increased its monthly payment to Pastor Long to $10. The church lot in Fitzgerald is 49 x 170 feet and cost $275; the church building is 24 x 36 feet and cost in cash and labor about $450. Of these amounts Rev. Mr. Long personally paid in cash $500, the balance being paid by members of the congregation, with the help of a contribution of $50 from the Board and $35 from individual congregations of the Georgia Synod. The titles to this entire property Rev. Mr. Long proposes to turn over to the congregation on the payment by the Board of $300 cash and our own lot in Fitzgerald, which is valued at $50. The Georgia Synod was very hospitably and pleasantly entertained in this church during the fall of 1899.

TALLAPOOSA, GA.

Tallapoosa, Ga., has been made the headquarters of the missionary in charge of the Alabama mission, who at this time is the Rev. H. C. Grossman. He succeeded Rev. Mr. Settlemyre in the winter of 1898 and 1899, and he has filled appointments at Jacksonville, Aderhold's, and St. Michael's in Alabama, and at Tallapoosa, Ga. At present we are negotiating to secure control of the Swedish mission, ten miles away at Fruithurst, Ala., with the intention of adding it to his work. The prospect for a continuance of our Lutheran interests ar Jacksonville and Aderhold's is not good, but regular services will be continued at St. Michael's church, and the future development of the work at the other places named will be

carefully guarded, so that this desirable territory can be occupied by our Lutheran church. Rev. Mr. Grossman and the congregation at St. Michael's, with 40 members, have been received into the Georgia Synod. The Board pays $10 a month toward the support of the Alabama mission.

THE MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

In response to an urgent call the Board direeted its Secretary to visit the Mississippi Synod in 1898 and the summer of 1899. Arrangements were made to send two ministers into that Synod—one to take charge of the school and congregations in and near Beth Eden without any expense to the Board, and the other to establish a mission at Goodman, Miss., and to preach to two near-by country congregations. Rev. H. E. H. Sloop of the Georgia Synod was sent to Beth Eden, and Rev. J. L. Derrick of the Mississippi Synod was chosen as the missionary at Goodman. For a time the Board paid $10 monthly on the salary at Goodman, which amount has now been increased to $15 a month. Although there are only twelve Lutherans at Goodman, they have already secured a church lot, and they have in cash and good subscriptions about $250 on hand for a church building. They will need help to complete the church, and for a time at least continued assistance in the support of a pastor. The Mississippi Synod is our weakest Synod. There are enrolled only five active pastors and two licentiates, and there are only thirteen congregations with 650 communicants. The entire territory of this Synod is in a sense missionary ground, and there is for our church a large field for work. We sincerely trust that the Synod, with the assistance of the church at large, will be able to take advantage of promising openings as they occur in that section. The pressing need is the increasing of the number of pastors on the field, and the education of the people for their better support.

APPORTIONMENTS TO SYNODS AND RESPONSES.

The Board has endeavored faithfully to carry out the instruction of the United Synod to apportion and raise among the eight district synods the sum of $8,000 for Home Missions, and the sum of $4,500 for Foreign Missions annually. Seven of the district synods assumed as equitable the proportionate amounts asked by the Board, and agreed to make a faithful effort to raise the same. In order to raise this mission money each synod apportioned its individual amounts among its congregations, and they printed, as the Board requested, an itemized statement of these congregational apportionments in the synodical minutes each year. Requests have been regularly sent to pastors asking for prompt collections of these amounts, and our Treasurer has made regular monthly statements in the church papers of all remittances of money sent to him. In spite of these facts, the statistical table presented herewith, and the final report of our Treasurer will show that the mark set up has not yet nearly

been reached. We deeply regret that we are not able to say that the full amount asked for has been secured. The deficit in our Home Mission account is large, and will readily answer the question, Why have not more churches been built and why has not the work in the Home field been more rapidly pushed?

RECEIPTS FROM SYNODS.

For general information, we submit the apportionments and the amounts paid by synods from May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900, being for two full years, at the rate of 25 cents for Home Missions, and on a basis of membership as specified.

HOME MISSION APPORTIONMET.

SYNODS.	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONM'T.	PAID.
*Virginia	5,800	$2,900	$2,244 64
Southwest Virginia . .	4,400	2,200	1 709 25
South Carolina	8,400	4,200	1,714 12
North Carolina	7,100	3,550	933 58
Holston	2,000	1,000	224 72
Georgia	2,000	1,000	578 61
Tennessee	7,500	3,750	63 11
Mississippi	700	350	63 20
Total	37.900	$18.950	$7.531 23

*Exclusive of pledges to Norfolk and Newport News to the amount of $655.10.

SUMMARY.

In order to present the results of our work in a concise and clear way, we again print a tabulated statement of the operations of the Mission Board since the organization of the United Synod, at Roanoke, in 1886. To complete the record the churches at Augusta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn., which are no longer aided by the Board, are incluced in this statement. This table includes in two instances only the additions to membership at the last Easter Communion. These statistics show that during the time mentioned twenty-seven missions have been organized or aided. In these missions there are at present about 1,500 communicants and 1,300 Sunday School scholars. The church property belonging to these missions is valued at $82,900, with indebtedness to only the amount of $16,400. At present fifteen home missionaries are employed, and two mission points are without pastors. Seven church buildings have been bought or built outright by the Board during these fourteen years, and in addition to these several were built by the Southwest Virginia Synod and its Women's Convention, which are now under our care. For the successful prosecution of the work, four or more additional churches should be built at once.

We feel that this report would be incomplete if we did not bear testi mony to the faithfulness, and in many instances to the self-sacrificing spirit, of the missionaries who have been and are now in the employment of the Board. They have in every instance, so far as our knowledge goes, conscientiously performed their work, and they have promptly rendered full monthly reports of the same to the Board.

It would scarcely be expected that a work of the magnitude of this which we represent could be carried on without encountering difficulties and obstacles, and oftentimes discouragements. If at any time mistakes have been made, we are sure that no one can regret the same more than our missionaries and the members of this Board.

Tabulated Statement of Missions Organized or Aided by the Board Since 1886.

STATIONS.	Members.		Value of Property.	Debt.		Monthly Salary.		REMARKS.
	Congregation.	Sunday School.		Congregation.	Board.	Congregation	Board.	
Knoxville, Tenn	95	68	$10000	.....	..	$65 00	.....	Self-sustaining.
Augusta, Ga	194	142	12500	$500	..	.....	$20 00	Aided by S. C. Synod.
Richmond, First Church	264	200	15000	7300	..	75 00	.....	Self-sustaining.
Richmond, Trinity	15	50	1500	800	..	.....	.....	To be disbanded.
Norfolk, Va	126	80	8000	1200	..	50 00	30 00	Flourishing.
Newport News, Va	62	62	7000	4000	..	16 66	33 33	Prosperous.
Pulaski, Va	86	100	5500	.....	..	17 00	16 66	Important.
Radford, Va	26	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	Church to be built.
Blueford, W. Va	68	43	1500	... ..	..	25 00	25 00	Railroad center.
Tazewell, Va	27	35	.....	.....	..	10 00	.....	Church to be built.
Graham, Va	49	60	500	500	..	15 00	16 66	Important.
Keystone, Va	....	*50	.....	... ..	..	.....	.....	To be developed.
Arlington, Va	....	*50	.....	.....	..	.....	. ...	To be developed.
Greeneville, Tenn	26	37	2500	600	..	5 00	10 00	No pastor at present.
Bristol, Tenn	15	....	.....	.....	..	.. ...	.....	To be developed.
Morristown, Tenn	27	35	2500	800	..	10 00	10 00	Important town.
Mohawk, Tenn	10	.. .	850	100	..	.....	.....	Very weak.
Winston, N. C	110	87	12000	600	..	33 33	20 00	Debt provided for.
Asheville, N. C	35	69	.. ..	.....	..	15 00	30 00	Church needed.
Greensboro, N C	30	....	.....	.....	..	15 00	16 66	No pastor.
Lexington, N. C	25	....	.....	. ....	..	10 00	.....	No pastor.
Atlanta, Ga	65	35	.....	.....	..	20 00	. ...	Church needed.
Fitzgerald, Ga	40	47	1000	.....	..	5 00	10 00	Good progress.
Talllapoosa, Ga	20	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	To be organized.
St. Michael's, Ala	45	30	1500	.....	..	5 00	10 00	A needy field.
Zion, Ala	15	30	1000	.....	..	.....	.....	Very weak.
Goodman, Miss	12	....	50	.....	..	.....	15 00	Church needed.
Total.	1487	1310	$82500	$16400	..	391 99	243 31	

*Average attendance at preaching service ; not counted with Sunday School scholars.

THE FUTURE.

From the statements given in this report, it is evident that God has continued to bless our Church by opening wider doors for work in our Home Mission field. The work continues to increase on our hands—more missionaries are needed, more churches are to be built, more territory is to be occupied than ever before. As a consequence, more money is needed to carry on the work successfully We fully appreciate the faithfulness and liberality of many pastors and congregations and societies, as manifested by their continued contributions to our Home Mission treasury. If, however, this work is to be in the future what it ought to become, we feel that some means must be devised to secure from the synods a larger part—the entire amount if possible—of the apportionment asked from them by the United Synod. We do not feel that the small sum of 25 cents a member is too much to ask and expect from the Lutherans in the South for the spread of our Church in this important section. We trust that the day may speedily come when it can be said that the full apportionment has been raised, and when that day shall come our Home Mission work can be correspondingly increased and more successfully carried out.

Foreign Missions—Japan.

The past two years of the history of our Japan Mission tell the story of the marked growth of our Foreign work. The biennium covered by this report will show a gratifying advance and what has been accomplished under the blessing and guidance of the great Head of the Church should be an inspiration to our churches to renewed zeal and self-denial, so that the privileges offered to us in extending the kingdom may be gladly accepted. The Board offers for your consideration and approval the following narrative:

THE CALL OF REV. C. L. BROWN AND HIS DEPARTURE.

At the Newberry Convention, the opinion and spirit of the body was to send out more missionaries. Though the Board had striven to have a second missionary called, it had failed, and the initiatory action was taken at that time by which Rev. C. L. Brown dedicated himself to the Foreign work. Early in July, 1898, his call was announced to tho Church at large, and August 18, 1898, he relinquished his work in the Graham Pastorate, Southwest Virginia Synod, spending the time until his departure for Japan, October, 1898, in visiting synods, conferences, and churches within the United Synod Mr. Brown was married to Miss Virgie E. Frantz, in the College Church, Salem, Va., by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., September 29, 1898, and a farewell service having been held in the College Church, Salem, Va., Mr. Brown departed for Japan,

October 20, 1898, arriving at Yokohama, November 6, 1898. Mr. Brown and wife were welcomed and joyfully received by Dr. Peery and wife and the congregation at Saga. He entered on the study of the language at once, and has been useful and helpful in the work of the mission, performing many duties. His first Japanese sermon was preached at Kumamoto, at the Easter service, 1900. At the request of Dr. Peery, in order to relieve him, and with the approval of the Board, Mr. Brown for the past few months has been Treasurer of the mission. To preserve the history the following narrative of Mr. Brown's life is incorporated into this report:

Rev. Charles Lafayette Brown was born in Iredell county, N. C., on December 3, 1874, the son of Robert A. and Susan Brown. His early life was spent in Charlotte, N. C., where his mother died when he was about five years old. At about the age of fourteen he went to Richmond, Va., where he had an uncle and aunt living. His purpose at that time was to become a machinist. He accordingly applied to the Richmond Locomotive Works for a position, but failed to secure it because he was too young, the required age for employment being eighteen years. Young Brown then found emplcyment with his uncle who was in the printing business, and learned to be a practical printer. While in Richmond he attended church and Sunday-school regularly at the First English Evangelical Lutheran church. There, at the age of sixteen, he was confirmed by Rev. J. S. Moser, and his name still remains on the church roll at Richmond.

In the spring of 1889 Mr Brown decided to dedicate his life to the service of the Lord in the holy ministry. At that time he retrned to North Carolina in order to enter Bethany Academy, near Gold Hill, there to prepare himself for entrance at Roanoke College. While at Bethany Academy he was under the instruction of Prof. L. A. Rothrock, son of Rev. Samuel Rothrock, well known in the North Carolina Synod. In the fall of 1891 Mr. Brown entered the Freshman class at Roanoke College as a beneficiary student of the Southwest Virginia Synod. He did faithful and successful work as a student, his name appearing each year on the distinction list. He was active in Christian work both among the students and in the congregation at Salem. He was held in the highest esteem by faculty and students and was characterized by earnestness, faithfulness and straightforwardness in his work and life.

He was the successful contestant for the orator's medal in 1894, when he was a Junior. He graduated in the A. B. course in 1895 with high class standing. In the fall of the same year he entered the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, having been fortunate in securing a scholarship provided by one of the benevolent societies of St. John's (English) Evangelical Lutheran church, in Race street, Philadelphia.

As at college, so at the seminary, Mr. Brown enjoyed the highest confidence and esteem of both students and faculty. He was characterized by the same earnestness and faithfulness in his work and was rewarded by the same high class standing. The summer vacation of 1896 he spent in church work at Bluefield, W. Va., with Pastor W. H. Greever. The vacation of 1897 he spent as supply in the Graham-Keystone charge, making his headquarters at Graham, Va. He graduated from the Seminary in the spring of 1898, and was one of five out of a class of thirty-two to be honored with an address at the commencement exercises. Having previously received a call from the Board of Missions to become permanent pastor of the Graham-Keystone charge, he accepted the same and immediately after graduation entered upon that work.

OUR THIRD MISSIONARY—REV. C. K. LIPPARD.

At the Board meeting in Salem in October, 1898, when the final interview with Mr. Brown and the farewell services were held, the Board took action looking to the call of a third missionary. In the autumn of 1899 the call made to Rev. C. K. Lippard was accepted by him, and the announcement made to the church January 30, 1900. Mr. Lippard is present at this convention of the United Synod, and an opportunity given to the representatives of the church to meet him. The Board is grateful for the guidance of the Lord in the call of Mr. Lippard, and congratulates the church that he has dedicated his service and talents to our Japan work. The following sketch of his life is appended for the information of the church :

Rev. Cephas K. Lippard was born in Iredell county, N. C., Easter Sunday, April 9, 1872. His first eighteen years were spent on the farm in doing all kinds of work, in the house, iron and wood shop, in the field, etc. From his earliest days he wished to be a minister. During the winters he went to school, but his father could not afford to send him to college, so he determined to try to work his way to a college education. When nineteen years of age he began teaching public school, by which he made enough money to begin work in college. Through struggle and difficulty, with the help and blessing of God, he spent four years in Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., graduating from that institution in 1895. After that he taught in Mt. Holly Institute, Mt. Holly, N. C., for ten months. At the end of this term he accepted work in New Market, Va., and preached there during the summer. In the autumn of 1896 he began work in the Seminary at Chicago and graduated in April, 1899. During the present year he took the B. D. course in the same institution, and received that degree in May. He has taught in the Seminary three years —the first two years Greek, and in this year he has taught in the regular first year's Seminary work. During the summer of 1897 he was chaplain

in the Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago. During the summer of 1898 he began a mission in Racine, Wisconsin, which proved very successful. He rented a hall and began with a Sunday-school of ten children, and in three months organized the First English Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion with thirty-two members gathered from the byways of the city, and had 100 enrolled in the Sunday-school. Last summer he was with the Rev. C. Luther Miller, Ilex, N. C., helping him with his seven churches and missions. In all this work Mr. Lippard has done considerable preaching, having preached 225 times in sixty different churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. In a recent letter to the Board, Mr. Lippard says: "My happiest days have been spent in preaching and telling the sweet story of Jesus. It is now the burning desire of my soul to tell that sweet story to the heathen world."

VISITATION OF THE CHURCHES.

A valuable aid in our work, arousing and quickening the interest in the mission, is the visitation of the churches by our missionaries. The tours of Revs. Scherer and Peery were very helpful indeed, bringing our workers in close fellowship and personal touch with the home churches. The Board, encouraged by the results of past experience, had Mr. Brown before sailing visit many of our synods and churches in the South. His contact with our people increased the interest greatly, a fact well known to the Board. It is the plan of the Board to have Mr. Lippard, as far as possible, visit our Southern church and present the great cause, and from the adjournment of this body until he sails in September he will be at the command of the Board. It is to be hoped that he may have the privilege of making the acquaintance of our pastors and speaking to their congregations, so that deep, personal interest may be awakened in the work.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL OBJECTS.

Definiteness in religious work always has the happy effect of increasing zeal and self-denial. The Board notices with pleasure a desire on the part of our people to have a special work in connection with Japan. With the sending out of Rev. Mr. Brown came the request of the Women's Societies of the Southwest Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina synods to support him by the payment of his salary, devoting their offerings to this specific purpose. The Board granted this request, and Mr. Brown is the representative in a special manner of our Women's Societies in the foreign field. The Board trusts that with this special work our women may have a renewed interest in the mission.

THE COST OF THE GENERAL WORK.

Though it is helpful to have churches and Sunday-schools do special work, it is all important for the church to realize the heavy demands made upon our treasury for the running expenses of the mission. During the past two years these expenses have greatly increased, and they become a monthly charge on our funds. The church should be alert to give the Board ample funds for the contingent expenses of the mission, to use where good may be accomplished as the privilege arises, and the general fund is the income of the Board given in the regular apportionments. With the increase in the number of missionaries will follow greater need for more funds for the general work. It is all important for the churches to give the Board an ample fund for use in developing and prosecuting the work over and above the mere payment of salaries of missionaries and native workers. Further, the salary of Mr. Lippard will be drawn from the general fund, an additional charge which has not existed for the past four years.

THE SAGA CHURCH BUILDING—THE MILLER MEMORIAL.

It was realized by the Board for years that our mission should have a church home in Saga. Difficulties of various kinds prevented its accomplishment. During the past year the time came when a church building became a necessity. The native church in Saga was organized in the summer of 1898, with Yamanouchi san as pastor. A constitution for the congregation in accord with Lutheran principles was adopted. With the organization of the congregation came the necessity for a church home. At the very first the native Christians out of their resources began to collect funds to purchase a lot. The Board of Missions for a number of years had in its treasury a bequest of $500 made by the late Geo. F. Miller, of Winchester, to be used in the erection of a church in Japan. Not until the treaties of 1899 went into effect, allowing foreigners property rights in Japan, did the Board think it wise to expend that fund. When the treaties went into effect last summer, and the native Christians were ready to purchase the lot, the Board in December last forwarded the Miller bequest to be used in the erection of our first church in Japan, which church will be known as the "Miller Memorial." The fund of $500 by judicious investment has an added value of $130, and this with an additional bequest of $200, together with some minor donations, will make the fund for the "Miller Memorial" about $839.

THE KATHERINE SCHERER MEMORIAL.

The Board was overtured last summer by Revs. W. R. Brown and E. C. Cronk to give its permission and sanction to an effort to secure funds for a church building in Japan in memory of Mrs. Katherine Scherer,

lamented wife of Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., of Marion Female College. This sainted woman was deeply interested in our Japan work, and gave an earnest support to our foreign effort. It was proposed to raise the money —the sum of $500, largely from the alumnæ and ex-students of Marion College and other friends. The Board approved the project, and is glad to know that success is crowning the efforts of those having the matter in charge. This will be the second church edifice in our Japan field, and may be built in Kumamoto or Kurume, wherever the need is greatest and future events may decide.

BEQUESTS.

The Board is rejoiced to record that during the biennium two bequests have been made to our Japan field. Mrs. Elizabeth Whitesell, a member of the Rockingham Pastorate, Virginia Synod, bequeathed one-half of her personal estate to our Foreign work, which will realize $501.96. Mrs. Whitesell was a Miss Shank before her marriage, and devoted to the Church.

Mr. J. A. Miller, a brother of the late Geo. F. Miller, who made the first bequest to our work, passed away in Winchester, Va., in the early spring of this year, remembering the foreign work to the amount of $200. These bequests indicate that there is, though quiet and beneath the surface, a deep interest in our work in Japan, and the Board has strong faith that these bequests are but the beginnings of large gifts to this work. Many of our people could in this way do much for the cause, and the example of these saints should appeal loudly to many in our churches to remember thus both our Foreign and Home Mission work in the final distribution of their earthly goods.

ECUMENICAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Board was invited to have representation in the great Ecumenical Missionary Conference, held in Carnegie Hall, New York city, April 21 to May 1, 1900. Revs. L. K. Probst and L. L. Smith were appointed delegates by the Board at a meeting held in Winchester, 1899. As Mr. Probst found it impossible to attend, the Board selected Mr. J. E. Cooper, our treasurer, in his place. These brethren attended as the delegates from our Southern church.

LITERATURE.

Our missionaries have regularly published interesting articles in the church papers, keeping the churches fully informed of the work. The Publication Board is about to issue a book about our Japan work, written by Dr. Peery, which should be read by all of our people. An interesting and helpful publication of the biennium is "A Short Catechism on

Japan," prepared for the use of Children's Missionary Socteties. It gives concisely much valuable information calculated to stimulate missionary interest.

REPORT OF DR. PEERY.

The following report of the mission has been made to the Board by Dr. Peery, and is given for the information of the church:

Report of the Lutheran Mission in Japan For 1898-99.

GENERAL SITUATION.

The conditions under which missionaries live and labor in Japan now are very different from what they were two years ago. When the revised treaties went into effect last June the treaty ports and consular jurisdiction were abolished. All foreigners living in the country became amendale to Japanese laws, and answerable to the native courts. For the first time in history the Christian nations admitted a non-Christian power into their fellowship on terms of equality, and entrusted the lives and property of the citizens to her laws. People were not wanting who thought the time premature for such a change, and who felt a great deal of apprehension concerning it. But the old order passed quietly away, giving place to the new; and everything has gone well thus far. There has been some friction at times, but hardly more than would accompany such a radical change in the West.

Mission work has profited in many respects by this change. Passports have been done away with, and we are free to travel or reside where we wish. We now enjoy all the privileges granted to Japanese subjects, except the right to own land. For a sentimental reason no foreigner is permitted to own real estate; but he can lease it for long periods—say five hundred years—and can hold in his own name all houses and improvements that he may put thereon. These are decided advantages to our work. Such incidents as that of the Doshisha need not now occur, and missionaries no longer have to spend their precious time and strength teaching English, in order to gain permission to reside in the interior.

Following the operation of the new treaties, official recognition has been extended to Christianity. Heretofore Christianity has existed in Japan only by toleration; but henceforth it is to have a legal status, and equal rights with other religions. This will answer the common objection that Christianity is a foreign religion; and will make it easier for the intensely patriotic Japanese to become Christians. Official recognition also carries with it exemption from taxation for church property.

But as an offset to these advantges, we will have to endure a great deal of government interference with our work. Minute regulations have already been promulgated concerning the building of churches,

holding of meetings, selection and appointment of pastors, collection of moneys, etc.; and to comply with them all will be irksome. These regulations are also framed in such a manner that the local officials can interfere with our work and hamper it in many ways, if disposed to do so. Christian ministers, with the teachers of all other religions, are denied the right of speaking publicly on political questions, and some of the leading native Christians object seriously to this part of the regulations.

The Educational Department has decided that religious schools can no longer enjoy official recognition, and the privileges which that recognition carries with it. These privileges are exemption from conscription, and access to the higher schools and universities. Up to this time the leading mission schools have been granted these privileges regardless of their religious character; but from this time forward all religious instruction and exercises must be put away from them, or the privileges must be relinquished. Without them the Christian schools will labor at a great disadvantage in comparison with the government schools, and this new rule comes as a great blow to them. Strong efforts are being made to have these drastic regulations modified, but without success so far. The government disclaims any intention of opposing Christianity in this matter, and affirms that it is only carrying out a long cherished policy of separating education entirely from religious influences. But there are many people who do not believe this, and who think that it is but part of a general plan to impede the progress of the Gospel as far as it is possible to do so without exciting a scandal.

The cost of living has been rapidly rising in Japan for several years Real estate and houses cost twice what they did a few years ago; wages have doubled; and the prices of other things have risen in proportion. This is partly the effect of the Japan-China war; but it is chiefly the price Japan must pay for her Western civilization. Oriental simplicity cannot long continue in the midst of Occidental civilization. With material progress has necessarily come increased wants. Formerly a man was content with a cheap native garment, but now he must have a Western suit; formerly he went bareheaded, but now he must have a stiff hat; formerly he satisfied his hunger with rice and vegetables, but now he must have a meat diet at least once per day. Thus his wants grow, and the cost of living is greatly increased thereby.

This rise in the scale of living, and the appreciation of the price of commodities, makes the prosecution of mission work in Japan to-day much costlier than it was in previous years. The various missions have been forced to pay their pastors and evangelists larger salaries than they formerly paid; and they must also pay much higher rents for houses and chapels. One yen now does not go more than half as far as it did when I came to Japan eight years ago.

PROGRESS OF OUR OWN WORK.

Turning to our own particular work, we find a record of steady and substantial progress. We have done nothing remarkable, and yet we have accomplished something, and are in a much better condition for future work than we were two years ago.

The first step forward was the organization of the Saga Church, which was accomplished in the summer of 1898. Four of our leading men were chosen as deacons; Yamanouchi *san* was elected pastor; and a constitution in strict accord with Lutheran doctrine and polity was adopted for the congregation. In fact, the constitution adopted was simply the translation of a constitution sent us by President Smith. All business matters of the congregation were turned over into its own hands, the mission agreeing to assist it with a certain proportion of the monthly expenses.

In September, 1898, we began work in Kumamoto. This is the largest and most important city in Kyushu except Nagasaki, and has a population of 80,000. It is the seat of the fifth higher school (corresponding to the American colleges) with almost 1,000 students in attendance; and is also the location of a large barracks, with 10,000 soldiers. It is an excellent field for Christian work. The situation is convenient to us, being only five hours distant by rail from Saga. Our second evangelist, Yamanouchi Naomaru, was put in charge of this station, and he is doing good work there. He preaches publicly twice each week, and gives private instruction in the Gospel to all who will receive it. Since he began work there three young men have been baptized. The opening of this station in Kumamoto was one of the most important steps our mission has yet taken.

The next thing to encourage us was the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Brown, in November, 1898. We had been waiting, rather impatiently, for help for two years, and were very happy to greet these new fellow-workers. Our Japanese Christians, too, were glad to see them, and gave them a cordial welcome. It was a great comfort and support to me to have some one with whom to talk over mission problems again, and to share the responsibility.

Not long after Rev. Brown came, on the authorization of the Board, evangelists Yamanouchi Ryohei and Yamanouchi Naomaru were ordained. They were carefully examined in the most important branches of theology, and the examinations proving satisfactory, they were set apart to the holy office of the ministry, according to the solemn and impressive order given in the Book of Worship. The older man was ordained as pastor of the Saga Church; the younger one as missionary pastor in Kumamoto. It is hardly necessary to say that this was a decided

forward movement. We are very glad to have two earnest and reliable native ministers in our work.

Two of the three theological students, who had been under instruction for two years, completed a partial course in 1898, and after passing satisfactory examinations were authorized to preach, and placed in charge of chapels here in the city, where they have since labored. The third man, Koike Kesao, was given a fuller course, and was graduated in 1899. He is a young man of good mind and heart, and we trust and believe will make a faithful minister. Last summer he had charge of the work in Kubota, near Saga.

In September of last year we decided to begin work at once in the prosperous city of Kurume, about midway between Saga and Kumamoto, and sent Koike *san* there. Kurume is a progressive town of 30,000 people. It is an excellent field for work, and we are very thankful that we have a station there. Koike *san* secured a good chapel in the center of the city, and has begun the work under favorable circumstances. I hope we may be able to lead many people to Christ in that town.

Besides opening two new stations, we have carried on the work regularly in all the old stations, with varying success. Not many converts have been gathered; but we have published the blessed Gospel widely in these regions. I find twenty-three baptisms recorded for the two years.

In the fall of 1899, Rev. and Mrs. Winther came to Saga at our invitation, and are temporarily residing here. Rev. Winther is a Danish Lutheran minister who studied theology in the Seminary at Blair, Nebraska; and was sent as a missionary to Japan in 1898 by the Lutheran Missionary Society of West Slesvig, Germany. It is his desire to permanently locate somewhere in our field, and to co-operate with us in building up one Lutheran Church in Japan, and in this desire Rev. Brown and I heartily concur. At present Mr. and Mrs. Winther are simply here studying the language, and assisting us as they are able in the meanwhile. They are very excellent people, and we are glad to have them with us.

NEEDS OF THE MISSION.

1. Our greatest need at present is a Foreign Missionary for Kurume and another for Kumamoto. It is very important that we have foreigners associated with the native brethren there from the beginning of the work. At present I go to each of those cities once a month; but this visitation is insufficient. We should have one man in each of those cities, who could give all his time to that work. Then he and the native minister together would be in a condition to do good work. We hope a Foreign Missionary can be put in each of those cities soon.

2. Our next need is a church building here in Saga. We have used a

rented house long enough, and should now have a church home of our own. The Lutheran Church in Japan has not a single church building yet, and we greatly need a church as a rallying point for our forces. It seems that this want will be supplied in the near future. The congregation here is ready to purchase a good lot, and the Board has now sent us the Miller bequests for a building. Eight hundred dollars will not build a much better church in Japan than it would in America, and in a city of this size and standing we ought to have a good, stately church; but if that sum is all the help we can get from home we will do what we can with it, and be thankful. The native converts are poor, and can do little more than buy the lot.

3. Another crying need of the mission is comfortable homes for the missionaries. A single man can manage to get along in a Japanese house, but a man with a family fares badly in it. This is the judgment of all the missions operating in Japan; and the usual rule is for them to build foreign houses for their foreign workers. It should be the settled policy of our Board to build foreign homes, or homes as nearly foreign as possible, for its missionaries, as soon as they are definitely located. I am convinced that the permanent interests of the work would be enhanced by such a course.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries	2
Native ministers	2
Unordained helpers	4
Stations	4
Out-stations	3
Sunday Schools	4
Scholars in same	150
Baptized members	82
Converts in 1898–99	23
Native contributions in the two years	534.92 yen.*
Monthly salaries of missionaries	$175
Monthly salaries of native helpers	109 yen.
House rents per month	57.80 yen.

R. B. PEERY.

APPORTIONMENTS.

Apportionment and amount paid for Foreign Missions from May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900, being for two full years, at the rate of 15 cents per capita, on a basis of membership as specified.

*A yen is equal to about fifty cents in American money.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SYNODS.	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONM'T.	PAID.
Virginia	5,800	$1,740	$3,445 24
Southwest Virginia	4,400	1,300	1,502 01
South Carolina	8,400	2,520	1,138 49
North Carolina	7,100	2,090	1,070 07
Holston	2,000	600	129 00
Georgia	2,000	600	399 57
Tennessee	7,500	2,250	86 20
Mississippi	700	210	12 05
Total	37,900	11,310	$7,782 63

Board of Missions' Financial Statement, From May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900.

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

By balance on hand at closing of books, May 1, 1898	$ 1855 98
By contributions in past two years	7531 23
By Winston, N. C., Church towards pastor's salary	772 05
By Graham and Keystone, Va , towards pastor's salary	267 10
By Asheville, N. C., Church towards pastor's salary	267 96
By Morristown and Sinking Creek, Tenn., towards pastor's sal.	200 81
By Atlanta, Ga., Church towards pastor's salary	455 00
By Alabama Mission towards pastor's salary	141 06
By Norfolk, Va., Church towards pastor's salary	1227 71
By Greeneville, Tenn., Church towards pastor's salary	85 90
By Fitzgerald, Ga., Church towards pastor's salary	24 81
By Bluefield, W. Va., Church towards pastor's salary	670 68
By Pulaski and Radford, Va., towards pastor's salary	400 89
By Newport News, Va., Church towards pastor's salary	216 63
By Mississippi Mission towards pastor's salary	120 65
By Greensboro, N. C., Mission towards pastor's salary	187 50
By pledges Virginia Synod to Norfolk	240 10
By loan from Foreign Fund for purchase of church at Newport News, to be returned by Virginia Synod	2000 00
By amount pledges returned by Virginia Synod on above loan	415 00
By special contribution to liquidate balance of principal and interest on Board's loan, April 9, 1895, (principal, $1,000; interest, $609.50)	1609 50
Total	$18690 56

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To amount of Mr. Samuel Crickenberger's bequest (transferred to foreign account in accordance with testator's will) . . .	$	285 00
To Winston, N. C., Church—salary of pastor		1685 31
To Graham and Keystone Churches—salary of pastor		601 14
To Asheville, N. C., Church—salary of pastor		895 46
To Morristown and Sinking Creek—salary of pastor		440 81
To Atlanta, Ga , ¾ salary Rev. L. K. Probst as pastor and Secretary of Board		1880 00
To Alabama Mission—salary of pastor		291 06
To Norfolk, Va., Church—salary of pastor		2107 71
To Greeneville, Tenn , Church—salary of pastor		315 90
To Fitzgerald, Ga., Church—salary of pastor		184 81
To Bluefield, W. Va., Church—salary of pastor		1270 68
To Pulaski and Radford, Va.—salary of pastor		850 73
To Newport News, Va., Church—salary of pastor		866 61
To Mississippi Mission—salary of pastor		300 65
To Greensboro Mission—salary of pastor		370 87
To interest on Richmond debt		121 43
To Fitzgerald lot investment account		50 00
To Newport News, Va., investment account		2000 00
To cash returned on Board loan of $2,500, made April 9, 1895 .		1500 00
To amount of pledges Virginia Synod for Newport News, now returned to Foreign Fund		415 00
To amount of special contribution to balance loan of Board in 1895		1609 50
To ¾ of all current expenses, including the traveling expenses of President and Secretary to Board meetings, synods, and mission points, railroad fare (in part) of members of Board to its meeting, missionary literature, and reports, stationery, etc		311 77
Balance in treasury, May 1, 1900		336 12
Total	$	18690 56

ATLANTA FUND.

To contributions received for building church in Atlanta, Ga .			$	634 35
To cash paid Foreign Fund for $600 city Charleston, S. C., bonds at present market value	$	630 00		
Balance in treasury to this fund		4 35		
	$	634 35	$	634 35

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

From May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900.

By balance on hand at closing of books, May 1, 1898	$ 2618 75
By transfer of Mr. Samuel Crickenberger's bequest from home account	285 00
By contributions in past two years, which includes all regular contributions from synods, missionary societies, and Sunday Schools, and all special contributions from all sources for the education and support of native ministers and helpers, rentals of chapels, and purchases of literature. This item includes also the collections of $93.97 by Rev. C. L. Brown in his visits to the churches in America	7773 63
By cash for Charleston bonds from the Atlanta Fund	630 00
By amount from Virginia Synod on its special pledges to return Newport News loan	415 00
By interest on the Geo. F. Miller legacy	60 00
By bequest of Mr. J. Abr. Miller for building a church in Saga	200 00
By special contribution of five persons for a church in Saga	9 00
Total	$11991 38

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To ¼ salary Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	$ 600 00
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. R. B. Peery, paid to July 1, 1900	2365 co
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. C. L Brown, to July 1, 1900	2109 37
To amount forwarded for building "Miller Memorial" Church in Saga, which includes the three special contributions for this purpose	839 00
To salaries and educational allowances for native ministers, evangelists, and students, rentals of chapels and dwellings, house repairs, furniture, traveling expenses, insurance and taxes in Japan, to July 1, 1900	2358 04
To outfit and traveling expenses of Rev. C. L. Brown to the congregations in America and to Japan	662 68
To amount loaned Home Fund for purchase of church at Newport News on special pledges of Virginia Synod	2000 00
To ¼ of the current expenses in the administration of the Board in America	103 92
To cash balance in treasury, May 1, 1900	953 37
Total	$11991 38

ASSETS.

Note of Richmond Mission	$ 1000 00
Mortgage on Trinity Church, Augusta, Ga	2500 00
Mortgage on St. John's Church, Knoxville, Tenn	4000 00
Mortgage on Augsburg Church, Winston, N. C	4000 00
Mortgage on First Church, Norfolk, Va	3000 00
Mortgage on Reformation Church, Greeneville, Tenn	300 00
Deed for Fitzgerald, Ga., lot	50 00
Mortgage on Trinity Church, Newport News	2000 00
City Charleston, S. C., 4 per cent. bonds (dne Atlanta Fund) par value	600 00

J E. COOPER, *Treasurer.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are made by the Board for the approval of this body:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the synods belonging to this body, for Foreign Missions, the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the synods belonging to this body, for Home Missions, the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions. and offerihgs be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

RESUME—GRATIFYING PROGRESS.

This biennium closes with much to be thankful for in our work Comparing the needs of the mission as stated in our last report with what has been accomplished during these two years, the fulfilment of our plans is striking. With two additional missionaries, the organization of the Saga congregation, the ordination of two native pastors, the opening of stations in Kurume and Kumamoto, the planning of a church edifice in Saga, and the work done in Ogi, Kubota, and Wakatsu—the work in Japan shows substantial progress. Our hearts should be full of gratitude to our God for the favor and blessing attending our work. The Lord has given us his blessing, and we should be inspired in full faith in the riches of his promises to assume gladly our responsibilities and enter joyfully the "open doors" which he gives us in our Japan field. Let us all be assured that our God has given us this work—that he leads and blesses

us in it, and thus his favor increases our responsibility in spreading his kingdom in Japan.

OUR NEEDS.

In the report from the field, the needs of the work are clearly stated. The mission needs tangible being. This will be accomplished:

1. By the erection of the Miller Memorial in Saga. The plan of the Board is to make Saga and the Saga congregation the center of our Church work. From there our work must radiate in every direction, to all the surrounding cities and villages. The power of a truly organized congregation and church home in Saga will be felt in every direction.

2. Homes for our missionaries, owned and controlled by the Board. One should be in Saga, one in Kurume, and one in Kumamoto. This should be accomplished in the next biennium. The Board has already adopted plans to secure the one for Saga. Reports of the Board for the past years show how heavy the expense has been in renting and repairing Japanese houses for our missionaries. It would be a wise financial policy, involving a great economy, to have our own houses, as well as adding greatly to the comfort of our brethren in Japan. Before the Japanese it would give our mission substantiality.

3. More missionaries for the promising outlook. Remembering the contingencies incident to the missionary's health, the Church ought not to be satisfied with three men in the field. Japan to-day needs every man that can be sent for her evangelization, was the consensus of opinion of every speaker discussing the topic before the late great Ecumenical Conference in New York. To do our work earnestly as the Lord gives us privilege, in calling the unbelieving, in edifying believers, and in training native pastors, the labor of more than three men is needed for our field.

4. The Home need is greater consecration to this work of the Master. Devotion of our money to this holy service is the supreme privilege of the home churches. Looking at our Treasurer's report for the past two years, there is a lamentable need of an awakening. To measure our interest in keeping the last command of the Saviour by the offerings reported, would indicate a feeb e love among our churches and people for publishing the Gospel to all men.

CONCLUSION.

We present this report for your careful and prayerful consideration. Much will be found, both at home and in Japan, to encourage and stimulate, and not a little to awaken a sense of unworthy stewardship. The Board has earnestly attempted to do the best it could with the means at its command. That more has not been done can be attributed to the fact

that our treasury has been so inadequately aided. With privilege ever before us—with devotion to the Church of our fathers impelling to more aggressive effort—during these two years much has been left undone, which should have been done, and our hearts have yearned to do, simply because our funds could not be made to answer all demands. We return our trust to this body, praying that the love of Christ and for men may deeply quicken us in this blessed work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.
W. L. SEABROOK.
L. G. M. MILLER.
J. P. STIREWALT.
G. M. BELTZHOOVER.
J. A. ALAXANDER.
J. E. COOPER.

Winston, N. C., May 16, 1900.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read and referred to committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Theological Seminary of the United Synod has been in successful operation at Mount Pleasant, Charleston, during the two years intervening between this and the last meeting of the United Synod, under the presidency of Rev. Prof. J. A. Morehead. He has been ably assisted in class-room work during all this time by Revs. K. Boldt, J. W. Horine, Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D. and Prof. F. Muench, Ph. D. During the session of 1898–99 there were six students in attendance, and during the session of 1899-1900 thirteen. There was one gradute last session, and there will be one this session.

The seminary property at Mount Pleasant donated by the good people of Charleston and Mount Pleasant has been by a further expenditure on their part of twenty-five hundred dollars handsomely adapted to seminary uses, and our students enjoy exceptional comfort and convenience at a minimum cost. The property is deeded in favor of the United Synod, and is estimated to be worth at least fifteen thousand dollars. The president of the seminary, unanimously elected by the Board of Directors July 27, 1898, has shown eminent fitness for the responsible office, and the successful work of the seminary during the past two years in its new home has vindicated the wisdom of the United Synod in its action taken at Newberry May 1898, whereby it was firmly resolved to perpetuate the existence of this institution as the Theological Seminary of the United

Synod. The divine guidance which has marked this institution in the past is unmistakably vouchsafed unto it in the present, and the increasing interest of our Southern Church is a prophecy of even greater results in the years to come.

The Board of Directors elected at your last convention entered at once upon the discharge of the responsible trust committed to it, and organized by the election of Dr. Henry S. Wingard president and Robert C. Holland vice president, Geo B. Cromer secretary, and Henry S. Trout treasurer. It held its first meeting in Newberry May 16, 1898, and undertook to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. A. G. Voigt by electing Dr. Louis Baugher, and authorized the secretary to advertise for bids for the future location of the seminary.

The second meeting of the board was held at Columbia, S. C., July 27, 1898. A letter from Dr. Louis Baugher was read declining the call extended on the ground of failing health. Bids for the location of the seminary were offered from Charlotte, New Brookland, Columbia, Newberry and Mount Pleasant, Charleston. The bid of last named was accepted and the seminary located at Mount Pleasant, S. C., and arrangements were projected to open the institution at that place in October, 1898. Thereupon Rev. J. A. Morehead was unanimously elected president and first professor, and the work of the second professorship was authorized to be distributed among the Charleston pastors, or such of them as should consent to teach in the seminary, and Dr. F. Muench, and the secretary was instructed to give notice that the additional assessment authorized by United Synod at its last convention will not be required.

The executive committee and Mr. J. D Cappelmann were directed to have executed in proper form the transfer of the property of Mount Pleasant and prepare the same for occupancy.

The executive committee held two meetings at Mount Pleasant, at the first of which, September 6, 1898, Rev. J. A. Morehead's letter of acceptance was read, and a formal entry was made recognizing him as chairman of the faculty and professor of systematic theology, and the president of the board was authorized to receive from Prof. Morehead and the other instructors the affirmation required by the constitution.

Dr. H. S. Wingard, president of the Board of Directors, and Prof. Morehead were appointed a committee to confer with Dr. Muench and the pastors of the Lutheran Churches in Charleston and secure their services as instructors in the seminary, if possible, and to judiciously distribute the work of the second professorship. Thereupon Revs K. Boldt, J. W. Horine, James A B. Scherer, Ph. D , and Dr. Muench became regular instructors in the seminary and together with Rev. J. A. Morehead were regularly inaugurated in their respective positions November 1898, each making the affirmation required by the constitution.

At a second meeting of the executive committee held at the seminary building May 30, 1899, a certificate of graduation was granted Mr. W. W. J. Ritchie and the closing exercises of the first session of the seminary at Mount Pleasant were held, the address to the students being delivered by the president of the board, Dr. Henry S. Wingard.

At this meeting there was constituted a local auxiliary committee, consisting of Prof. J. A. Morehead, J. D. Cappelmann, John F. Ficken, Carsten Wulburn, Herman Klotte, A. G. L. Landon and S. H. Wilson to cooperate with the Board of Directors in looking after the interests of the seminary, and the result has been so satisfactory as to call for the continuation of the arrangement.

At a meeting of the board held May 16th inst. Prof. Morehead presented his annual report, which is submitted as a part of this report and with the request of the board that it be printed in the Minutes of Synod. An abstract from his first annual report, embracing the course of study, is also submitted herewith for publication in the Minutes of the Synod.

It is doubtful whether the present provisional arrangement for supplying the work of the second professorship can be continued, and the board recommends, therefore, that you authorize it to make such arrangement for extra teaching force for the next two years as to it may seem best.

It is the estimate of the board that if the district synods pay their annual apportionments for the seminary, as they now stand, no additional assessment will be required for the next year. The board recommends that Synod renew its earnest request that the district synods meet their apportionments fully and promptly.

The board has not found it feasible hitherto to put in operation a plan for the endowment of the Theological Seminary, in pursuance of instructions given at the meeting of Synod, May 1898, but it is now deemed opportune to begin the endowment movement and the board is ready to submit a plan for the consideration of Synod.

The report of the treasurer of the Seminary Fund accompanies this report and it is requested that it be printed in the Minutes of the Synod. From this report it appears that the amount of the fund in cash and securities is $5,799.34. The Hon. H. S. Trout, who has rendered faithful and efficient service as treasurer for many years, has resigned the office, and upon his urgent request his resignation has been accepted.

R. C. HOLLAND, *President.*

GEO. B. CRGMER, *Secretary.*

The following Plan for the Endowment of the Theological Seminary was read by Rev. R. C. Holland, President of the Board of Directors:

PLAN FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

By virtue of the action of the United Synod at its fifth convention, whereby there was devolved upon the Board of Directors the duty of providing for the endowment of our Theological Seminary, said Board has felt called upon to take this matter into very serious consideration. The location of the Seminary in a permanent and commodious home of its own, at Mount Pleasant, Charleston, and the propriety of signalizing the opening of the twentieth century by some suitable memorial of our gratitude to God for His gracious care and signal blessings bestowed upon our Church during the century now drawing to a close, make it our present duty to submit for consideration to this convention of the United Synod a scheme for raising an endowment fund for our Theological Seminary. We, therefore, respectfully submit the following as an outline of the scheme:

1. That Synod attempt to raise under this plan at least $30,000 of the amount of $50,000 decided upon by the Synod in its past action.

2. That the Endowment Fund shall be known as the Twentieth Century Memorial Fund.

3. The characteristic principles to be impressed upon this century movement are the following:

a. The gifts are to be thank-offerings for Divine blessings upon us as individuals and upon our churches during the century just closing.

b. The gifts look forward upon the new century as a contribution toward a necessary equipment of our Church in the South to meet the claims and exigencies of the twentieth century, and as an expression of a sense of our sacred responsibility as stewards of the grace of God in behalf of the generation to follow.

c. The gifts are to be considered as free-will offerings, and in no sense as assessments.

d. The enrollment as contributors of every communicant member and all the baptized children of our churches.

e. That this century memorial be considered as an opportunity (especially to those individuals whom the Lord has prospered in temporal and spiritual things) to render lasting benefit in a cause vitally connected with the welfare of our beloved Zion.

4. That a committee on behalf of the Board of Directors, to be known as the Century Memorial Committee, be organized and directed to proceed at once to bring this movement prominently before the synods, conferences, and churches, and inaugurate such measures as may be needful to secure in cash and subscriptions the sum of $30,000 before the close of the year 1901.

5. That an auxiliary committee of three members, to be known as Synodical Memorial Committee, be constituted in each synod, to co-operate with the central committee in carrying forward this movement, and that said Synodical Committee be designated by the synodical delegations now in attendance upon the United Synod.

6. That all subscriptions under ten dollars shall be payable within twelve months from date of the same; those of ten dollars, within one and two years; those of fifteen dollars, within one, two, and three years; and all sums of $20 and over, shall be payable one-fourth annually within four years. Bonds may be cashed at any time at a discount, on deferred payments, of six per cent. per annum.

7. Roll books, suitably arranged and containing proper information for solicitors, shall be furnished each pastor, in which shall be inscribed the names and addresses of all contributors, the same to form the material for a memorial volume to be issued under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

8. That our pastors, upon whom the success of this century movement so largely depends, are earnestly requested to co-operate promptly with the central and synodical committees, that all our churches, enlisted heartily in this great campaign in behalf of Christian education, may move together along advance unto greater consciousness of power for service in behalf of a great cause, and unto higher spiritual attainments.

9. The central committee is entrusted to devise and execute such additional regulations as may be found necessary in carrying out the plan above outlined.

10. The Treasurer of the Board of Directors shall have charge of all funds collected under this endowment movement, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors.

The paper was received, to be considered by items immediately after the reception of the Official Visitor from the General Council.

Prof. J. C. Clewel, of the Salem Female Academy, was introduced, and the privilege of the floor of Synod was accorded him. Prof. Clewel extended a very cordial invitation to the members of Synod to attend a special exercise at the Seminary at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The invitation was accepted by unanimous vote.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. S. T. Hallman appeared, and was recognized as delegate from the Synod of South Carolina instead of Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, alternate.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, Official Visitor to the General Council, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

At the last meeting of the United Synod the undersigned was appointed its Official Visitor to the General Council, with Rev. S. S. Rahn, alternate. I ask leave to submit my report.

The last meeting of the General Council took place in Chicago, in September, 1899. I regret that it was impracticable both for me and the alternate to attend this convention, and therefore I had to discharge my commission by letter. The minutes of this recent convention indicate increasing activity in a constantly widening sphere of work, and also a strengthening of the fraternal ties between the General Council and this body. In order to make these bonds still stronger, the Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass, so well and favorably known among us, has been sent as Official Visitor to this convention to bring to us the greetings of the General Body, to which he now belongs, and is now present with us.

Respectfully submitted,

A G. VOIGT.

The Committee on Tender of Elizabeth College reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE TENDER OF ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

Your committee appointed at last Convention of the United Synod (see p. 63, Min. 1898) to take under consideration the tender to this body of Elizabeth College made by the Board of Directors of same, would respectfully submit the following report:

1. The papers placed in our hands are a deed of conveyace to this body of the entire property of Elizabeth College, estimated at $90,000, and also a document emanating from the Board of Directors of the college, making

a formal tender of the college to this body. This last named paper is in terms as follows:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 10, 1898.

To the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Chnrch of the South:

DEAR BRETHREN: Since the last Convention of your Body it has been our pleasure and privilege in the providence of God and with the co-operation and assistance of friends of our own faith and others, to found and establish in the City of Charlotte a College for the higher education of Young Women.

As sent out in an announcement by us through the church papers to our people—a copy of which is hereto attached:

1. We secured an excellent site of twenty acres in the suburbs of Charlotte, raised funds, and erected a college building of the most approved architecture, modern equipment, and were blessed with a most auspicious opening in the fall of 1897.

2. We secured and have maintained up to this time a representative faculty that has, we feel sure, commended itself to the approval of the entire Southern Church (our catalogue shows the character of the work and the grade of the institution).

3. We have as yet been unable to secure any endowments, though we have received some donations.

4. Without going into details as to the labor, responsibility and anxiety which we have undergone and experienced in bringing about the above mentioned results,—due largely to continued business depression (and other causes), and on account of the great expense of equipping and furnishing the school with heating and lighting apparatus, drainage and water supplies, laundry, furniture, culinary department, etc., together with the expense of beautifying the grounds and approaches in keeping with the elegant buildings,—it is only necessary to mention the facts that in order to finish the building and open the school without delay, we were compelled to apply to the Legislature of North Carolina for a charter to form a corporation, and to bond the property, etc., funds to complete it, and this indebtedness the Synod would have to assume in taking the property at this time. The plant, with site, equipments, improvements and furnishings, are, we consider, worth the sum of ninety-thousand dollars (the improvements costing some $70,000, and the site being valued at $20,000). The charter is a very liberal one, granting all of the powers and privileges usually exercised by and conferred upon high grade institutions. We hold ourselves ready to give the Synod, through its committee, full and detailed information in regard to the status of the College. The stockholders of the College Company have kindly agreed to offer the property to Synod upon the conditions below mentioned—thus donating all they have therein, if this tender is accepted.

5. We herewith tender to Synod a deed, grant and conveyance of all the property, real and personal, of the College Company—including site, improvements, equipments, furniture, fixtures and easements—subject to the encumbrances aforesaid—with a view of carrying out the announcement made to the Church, and with a full and free desire that the Synod shall have the control of the institution, the deed to be delivered upon compliance upon the Synod's part with the conditions and stipulations set forth in said announcement, and upon its agreeing to assume the trusts and carry on the institution as indicated. The Synod is at liberty to accept the property at this time, or to submit the whole matter to a committee to be by it appointed with power to report at its next Convention.

II. The committee, whose names are hereto annexed, met in Charlotte November 7, 1898, and after a thorough examination of the property named in the deed, together with the papers referred to us, and after conference with the Board of Directors of the College, agreed upon the following as expressive of their united judgement in the premises, and submit the same for the information of the United Synod.

1. The estimated value of the property at the time of the tender was made was $90,000. Since that time equipments and improvements have been added, and the property has advanced in price to such an extent that it is at present estimated as worth at least $100,000.

2. The equipment of the College is fully up to the standard named in the paper submitted to the Synod, and we find that the Institution by its merits has established an enviable reputation in the city of Charlotte as a college for higher education of women, and furthermore that it fully sustains the claim presented in its catalogues and circulars.

3. We are convinced, upon conference with the Board of Directors, that the tender is made by them in good faith, and that they desire the College to be under the direction of the United Synod.

4. We were gratified to find the College distinctively Lutheran; that all the Directors are members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church; that the Book of Worship is used in chapel service, and that there is a large representation of Lutheran girls from the various sections of our Southern Church, and that the Institution is carried on in the interest of the Lutheran Church.

III. Your Committee, while heartily commending the College and the Christian enterprise which has given to our Church such a great Institution, and the spirit of church devotion which has prompted such a generous gift to the United Synod, have, however, felt constrained to hesitate to recommend that the United Synod should, at this present time, take upon itself the responsibilities involved in an acceptance of the liberal offer made by the Directors, and for the following reasons:

1. We believe that better results to the College will accrue, for the present at least, under the existing management by a Board peculiarly interested in its success, than by a Board acting under appointment of United Synod; and that a change at this time would be prejudicial rather than otherwise to the welfare of the College which has attained in so short a time to such marked success.

2. We fear that the United Synod might not be able fully and faithfully to meet the responsibilities involved in an acceptance of the tender made. While we are convinced that a great opportunity is presented to us; namely, the offer of a well equipped institution of wide reputation and great promise for the future, accompanied by a gift of more than $50,000,—it is a matter of deep regret that we cannot recommend a prompt acceptance for fear that the United Synod cannot in justice to existing obligations and claims assume the financial responsibilties attending the ownership of Elizabeth College.

IV. We are convinced, however, that the United Synod cannot afford to take such action at this time as can be construed into a rejection of the tender of an institution so worthy of our endorsement and fostering care; and that it is due to the synod as well as to the interest of higher Christian education of the daughters of the Church that she encourage as far as it may lie in her power this queenly daughter seeking ecclesiastical adoption at their hands.

Therefore be it

Resolved, That this United Synod feels a just pride in having within its bounds a College like Elizabeth, and heartily commends this College for women to the confidence, prayers, and patronage of the Church, and puts upon record its high appreciation and sympathetic recognition of the liberality and exalted aim of those brethren and friends who have given us an institution so creditable, not only to our Southern Church, but to the Lutheran Church at large.

Resolved, That this United Synod desires to cherish in the meantime a co-operative relation with Elizabeth College, and as an expression of its interest in the institution, and appreciation of the benefit accruing to the Church through the maintenance of the same, this body will appoint at each convention a visitor to the College, who shall attend annually its commencement exercises, and confer with the Board of Directors of the College, if so desired by said Board, and present a report at each convention of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND.
A. P. RHYNE.
J. D. CAPPELMANN.

May 16, 1900.

On motion, the report was received for consideration by items.

At half-past three o'clock Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D., was introduced to Synod as the Official Visitor from the General Council. Dr. Repass, in a very cordial manner, conveyed the fraternal greetings of that body to this, speaking of the work of the General Council, particularly of its efforts to provide a suitable Sunday School literature for the Lutheran Church, and congratulating the United Synod upon the success with which it is prosecuting its own work. The President made an appropriate response, extending to Dr. Repass, in the name of the Synod, a hearty welcome.

The Plan of Endowment of the Theological Seminary, reported at this morning's session, was taken up and considered by items.

Pending discussion of item 1, Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. P. Boozer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Moser. The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of Synod. Rev. M. G. G. Scherer was recognized as delegate in his stead.

On motion, the collection taken last night ($17.06), together with other collections to be taken, was ordered to be turned over to the Treasurer for the several objects for which the collections respectively are taken.

Synod resumed consideration of the Plan of Endowment of the Theological Seminary.

Item 1 was adopted as amended.

Item 2 was adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Greever.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Rev. R. C. Holland was appointed provisional treasurer to receive funds of Synod and turn the same over to Treasurer Duls.

The following were excused from attendance upon the sessions of Synod after to-day: Revs. C. B. Miller, J. B. Greever, and Messrs. L. H. Copenhaver, E. L. Greever, R. L. Kime.

The President appointed the following Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary: Revs. L. A. Fox, Geo. H. Cox, and Col. Jno. F. Ficken.

Synod resumed consideration of the Plan of Endowment of the Theological Seminary.

Items 3 to 10 inclusive were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

In compliance with item 5 of the above report, the following auxiliary committees were appointed:

For the North Carolina Synod—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, Mr. Andrew Smith, Mr. H. A. Klueppelberg.

For the Tennessee Synod—Revs. C. L. Miller, J. F. Deal, A. L. Boleik.

For the South Carolina Synod—Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Pres. Geo. B. Cromer, Col. Jno. F. Ficken.

For the Virginia Synod—Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. E. L. Folk, Mr. H. L. Snyder.

For the Southwest Virginia Synod—Revs. Paul Seig, Chas. K. Bell, W. H. Greever.

For the Georgia Synod—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Messrs. Jacob Paulsen, J. M. Gnann.

For the Holston Synod—Rev. Noah Bible, Jacob Wolford, Esq., Mr. L. E. Williams.

For the Mississippi Synod—Revs. H. E. H. Sloop, J. R. Howorth and Mr. U. B. White.

The Committee on Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was received and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. The report placed in our hands contains a lucid and interesting record of the successful operation of the Seminary in its new and commodious home at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., and takes note of the manifest guidance of providence in its perpetuation. It also presents an account of the action of the board in its various meetings during the last two years, and contains several recommendations. We recommend that this report of the Board be printed in full in the Minntes of this Convention.

2. As an appendix to its report the Board presents the annual report of President Morehead and an outline of the present course of study with the request that both be printed in the Minutes of Synod. We recommend that this be done.

3. In view of the uncertainty of the continuation of the present provisional arrangement for supplying the work of the second professorship the Board recommends that it be authorized to make such arrangement for extra teaching force for the next two years as to it may seem best. We recommend that this be approved.

4. It further appears from the report that the present annual apportionments for the Seminary are adequate for present demands. We recommend that you approve the recommendation of the Board, that Synod renew its earnest request that the district synods meet their apportionments fully and promptly.

5. It is not necessary for this Committee to make any suggestion in regard to the endowing of the Seminary, as that subject already lies before Synod.

6. The Board requests that the report of the treasurer of the Seminary Fund be printed in the Minutes of Synod. We recommend that this be done.

7. The report of the Board informs us that the Hon. H. S. Trout, after long and efficient service, has resigned as treasurer and that his resignation has been accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
R. A. YODER.
C. B. MILLER.
W. J. SMITH.
B. T. WISE.
H. S. TROUT.

Report of the President of the Theological Seminary.

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary:

In obedience to your request through the Chairman of your honorable body, I beg leave to make the following report of the work thus far accomplished during the current session:

1. The assisting teaching force, as last year composed of Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., Rev. Karl Boldt, and Prof. F. Muench, Ph. D., has done regular and faithful work. The service rendered by these brethren has involved much self-sacrifice, and both the Church and the institution owe a debt of gratitude to them for their timely assistance. It is respectfully recommended that at least $25 be appropriated to each of the four instructors to meet their necessary expenses. While it is not deemed just that these gentlemen should be urged, under present conditions, to continue to give so much of time and labor to teaching in the Seminary, I beg leave to suggest the wisdom of making every proper effort to secure their continuance in some measure in the teaching force as more permanently constituted in the future.

2. The course of instruction has been maintained as organized last year. While convinced of the necessity of a complete theological culture by means of a comprehensive cnrriculum, we are profoundly impressed with the importance of training a ministry to become practical and consecrated as well as scholarly. To this end a weekly conference is conducted for the discussion of practical questions and special emphasis is laid upon the use of means of religious preparation. It is a pleasure to be able to state that there has been during the session gratifying manifestations of a genuine spirit of piety throughout the studen t body.

3. Thirteen students have been in attendance during the session. They are classified as follows: Senior class, one; Middle class, three; Junior class, nine. Three of the students are from the Tennessee Synod; two, from the Southwest Virginia Synod; four, from the North Carolina Synod; three, from the South Carolina Synod, and one, from the Georgia Synod. In the student body of the Seminary. Roanoke College has two graduates; North Corolina College, four; Newberry College, seven. The health of the students has been good. They have shown earnestness, faithfulness and encouraging progress in their studies. There are evidences here of growing ability for usefulness in the service of the Church. Mr. F. K. Roof, of the Senior class, has already accepted a call, under proper conditions, to the Newton Pastorate of the North Catolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod. We have received six applications from vacant pastorates which we were unable to answer favorably. Several of the lower classmen have been engaged as summer supplies The outlook for new students next session is good.

4. The practical problem of supplying necessary beneficiary aid, in the absence of endowed scholarships, has been happily solved by the benefience of synods, congregations and individuals of the Southern Church. From all sources, just $1,000 have been contributed and expended for this purpose in the Seminary during the present session. The Special

Benefiary Aid and Scholarship Fund has been the means of supporting one student for two sessions. It is deserving of special remark that the Ladies' Society of a single congregation, St. John's, Charleston, S. C., has alone supported three students this session at the Seminary. It is a cause of devout thankfulness to God that our Southern Church has been led to the courageous bearing of her own burdens in obedience to her Lord's command that she send forth more laborers. The future here may be trusted to God and the consecrated development of our people.

5. The Reading Room and Library have constantly improved in extent and utility. The Reading Room numbers about forty periodicals upon its lists. The library has increased to over fifteen hundred volumes. The fact that our books mainly come from the working libraries of pastors will suggest its great practical value to the students. The names of donors to the library, etc., will be enumerated in the forthcoming catalogue of the Seminary. The large contributions of these two features of the institution to its scholarly atmosphere and distinctive life are so generally recognized, that it becomes unnecessary to emphasize the importance of the constant addition of books—new and old—to the present collection.

6. The Local Auxiliary Committee, composed of Col. John F. Ficken, chairman; Hon. J. D. Cappe'mann, secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. Samuel H. Wilson, C. Wulbern, Herman Klotte and August G. Lunden, has rendered invaluable assistance in bringing the Theological Seminary to a working basis in its new home. In addition to the payment of the original purchase price of the property, the Lutherans of Mt Pleasant and Charleston through the efforts of your energetic committee have made important improvements. The main building has been modified and adapted within and without to its new purpose. The first floor has a reception room, chapel, reading room, library, and three recitation rooms. The second floor has thirteen rooms for dormitories, also lavatories with hot and cold water. A refectory, which is a neat two-story frame building 20x30 feet, with storerooms and kitchen adjoining, has been erected near the main building. The second floor of this house is occupied by a married student who conducts the boarding department of the Seminary, thus bringing the living expenses of the students down to the minimum. The kitchen has been completely furnished by the committee. Two cisterns and a well have been provided as the sources of an ample water supply. These improvements have been made at a total cash cost of $2,851.84 and all bills for the same have been paid in full. Among the many instances of large liberality, should be mentioned the gift of $1,000 by Mr. J. C. H. Claussen, of St. Johannes' Church, Charleston, S. C., whose timely assistance did much to render these improvements possible. The property of the

Theological Seminary as it now stands is valued at from $10,000 to $15,000. Truly a notable gift to the United Synod deserving the unstinted gratitude of the entire Church.

In order that the cause of the Theological Seminary may in the future have the advantage of such valuable counsel and aid, it is recommended that the Local Auxiliary Committee be requested to continue its being and service under the direction of your honorable body.

7. The furnishing of the refectory, dormitories and studies has been undertaken by private solicitation on account of the known limitation of the means at the command of your treasurer. Six chambers, five studies and the refectory have been provided with substantial furniture at a cost of $534.51. The furniture for a chamber costs $50; that for a study $25. The following have contributed to this fund, or have engaged to do so:

A lady of St. John's, Charleston, S. C	$50 00
St. Andrew's Church, Charleston, S. C.	50.00
Fraenverein St. Matthew's, Charleston, S. C.	50.00
St. Paul's Church, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.	75.00
St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, N. C.	50.00
Orangeburg Conference S C. Synod	50.00
Joint Conference S. C. and Tenn. Synods	25.00
Mr. John Wulbern, Charleston, S. C.	25.00
Mr J. H. C. Wulbern, Charleston, S. C.	25.00
Lutheran Church, Summerville, S. C.	3 47
St. James', Concord, N. C. (paid in part)	50 00
The Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga. (promised(	75.00
Total received and promised	$528.47

When these last two items shall have been paid to the fund, there will yet remain the small balance of $6.04. Other dormitories remain to be furnished, so the opportunity to serve the cause in this way is still open, especially as additional rooms will probably be in demand at the beginning of another session. The library is incompletely furnished, while chapel and reception room are entirely bare as yet. But a chapel furnishing fund amounting to $44 is growing in bank

8. The financial burdens incident to the creation of a local habitation for the Theological Seminary have been very great. The special demands of the pioneer stage in the material development of the institution have been nobly responded to by the Church God has richly blessed the enterprise both in the supply of means and in the supply of students. But the cramping need of means is still strongly felt. Our Seminary should have constant enlargement commensurate with the increasing requirements of the age, the demands of the field and the growth of the Church. Our Southern country is developing in population, industrial

enterprise and general educational facilities. The Seminary of Theology dare not be neglected if we are to maintain the source of religious life, thought, literature and laborers. The prime necessities of the institution are (a) increased endowment, (b) a second full professor, and (c) further improvements and equipments. The evidences of growing appreciation of the cause of theological education throughout our bounds, the progress already made, and the necessities of the Church, all urge a forward movement. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD, *President.*

May 14, 1900.

Course of Study in Theological Seminary.

[EXTRACT FROM PROF. MOREHEAD'S REPORT, 1899.]

The subjects and text books on lectures were as follows: I. Rev. K. Boldt, instructor—Isagogics, Junior and Middle Classes, 1 hour per week, introduction to N. T. Books in Lutheran Commentary, and lectures. Exegesis, all classes, 2½ hours per week; Westcott and Hort's Greek N. T.

II. Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., instructor—Sacred History and Geography, Junior Class 1 hour per week; Outline of Jewish History, by F. E. Gizot; maps. Ancient and Mediæval Church History, Junior and Senior (on review) Classes, 2 hours per week; Church History by J. H. Kurtz, D. D.

III. Prof. F. Muench, Ph. D., instructor—Modern Church History, Middle and Senior (on review) Classes, 3 hours per week, Kurtz's Church History. German, all classes, 2 hours per week, Koestlin's Life of Luther, German Bible and German hymns.

IV. J. A. Morehead, professor—Apologetics, Junior Class, 2 hours per week, traditional evidences—Horne's Introduction, with supplementary lectures and modern evidences—Stearn's Evidence of Christian Experience; Dogmatics, Junior, Middle and Senior Classes, 2 hours per week each, Schmid as text-book, with supplementary lectures based upon constant reference to Holy Scripture, Hutter's Compendium, Jacob's Elements of Religion, Luthard's Kompendium der Dogmatik and the Book of Concord. The present plan is to cover Schmid to "The States of Christ" the first year; to finish the volume the second year; to review the whole the third year, with special studies of the Confessions, Christian Ethics, Middle and Senior Classes, 2 hours per week; Weidner's Ethics, Encyclopedia of Theology, Junior Class, 2 hours per week, lectures and dictation, on basis of Weidner and Hagenbach; O. T. Theology; Senior Class, 1 hour per week; Oehler's History of Doctrines, Senior class, 1 hour per week; Fisher's symbolics, Senior Class, 1 hour per week; W J. Mann's notes, Pastoral Theology, Senior Class, 1 hour per week; Horn's The

Evangelical Pastor. Extra recitations on most of these subjects were substituted as occasion offered. All classes, 1 hour per week, studies in English Bible.

V. Rev. J. W. Horine, instructor—Homiletics, Seniors and Middlers, 2 hours per week; Juniors, 1 hour per week, Lectures and dictation, Catechetics; Middle and Senior Classes, 1 hour per week, lectures and dictation. Hebrew, all class, 2 hours per week, A. B. Davidson's An Introductory Hebrew Grammar.

Report of Treasurer of Theological Seminary.

H. S. TROUT, Treasurer, In Account with Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, from May 10, 1898, to October 1, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

1898.			
May	10	—To balance due this date	$3099 34
Aug.	18	2 years' interest on $2,000, Virginia Synod	240 00
Nov.	21	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
Dec.	5	3 years' interest on $750 note, S. W. Davis	135 00
	17	Virginia Synod, account assessment	52 05
	28	Holston Synod, account assessment	25 00
1899.			
Jan.	7	Georgia Synod, account assessment	25 00
	16	Southwest Virginia Synod, account assessment	48 40
	23	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
Feb.	25	Virginia Synod, account assessment	52 05
April	25	Georgia Synod, account assessment	20 00
May	4	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
	10	Interest sundry inv.	177 02
June	10	Amount North Carolina Synod, J. D. Heilig, Treas.	115 18
	10	Hon. C. M. Efird, Tennessee Synod	10 00
July	10	Virginia Synod	114 13
Aug.	17	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
	19	Holston Synod	17 00
	19	Southwest Virginia Synod	151 60
	19	1 year's interest on $2,000, Virginia Synod	120 00
Sept.	19	Amount Georgia Synod	8 00
			$5009 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

1898.			
Aug.	1	—By Rev. A. G. Voigt	$ 200 00
	1	Expenses Board Directors	109 27

Sept.	12	Rev. R. C. Holland and G. B. Cromer, expenses . .	15 92
	16	Rev. H S. Wingard, expenses	10 60
Oct.	20	John D. Cappelmann, rep'r'g and furnishing Seminary	100 00
	24	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account expenses	38 51
Nov.	14	Taxes Barrier property, Salem, Va	6 44
	21	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
Dec.	22	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	100 00
	28	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	25 00
1899.			
Jan.	7	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	25 00
	23	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
Feb.	25	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	52 05
April	4	Paid insurance Seminary buildings	30 00
	26	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	97 95
May	4	Rev. J. A. Mosehead, account salary	150 00
June	5	Rev. R. C. Holland, expenses	10 60
	10	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	115 18
	10	Walker, Evans & Cogswell	7 00
July	10	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	114 13
Aug.	17	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
	19	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	70 89
Sept.	3	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	25 00
	19	Rev. H. S. Wingard, account	8 00
	19	Rev. H. S. Wingard, account	2 60
	29	Rev. J. W. Horine	25 00
	29	Rev. K. Boldt	25 00
Oct.	1	Balance in hands of Treasurer	3195 63
			$5009 77

From October 1, 1899 to May 17, 1900:

RECEIPTS.

1899.			
Oct	1	—To balance in hands of Treasurer	$3195 63
Nov.	4	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
	14	Amouut South Carolina Synod	100 47
	22	Georgia Synod	53 40
Dec.	29	Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, S. C	10 00
	30	Interest S. W. Davis	43 73
	30	Amount South Carolina Synod	50 00
1900.			
Jan.	2	Interest on sundry inv., to January 1, 1900	92 97
	15	Amount Virginia Synod, assessment	68 75

	20	St. Mark's Church, South Carolina Synod	6 75
	25	Amount Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
April	5	Amount St. Luke's, Newberry, S. C	3 50
	11	Grace Church, Prosperity, S. C	20 00
	12	Mt. Olive Church, Newberry, S. C	3 87
	16	Amount Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Trersurer	150 00
	24	Southwest Virginia Synod	40 00
	26	St. Paul's, Wilmington, N. C	14 80
	28	Georgia Synod	25 00
May	9	North Carolina Synod	317 55
	10	Virginia Synod	68 75
	11	St. Matthew's, Augusta, Ga	20 00
	11	St. Nicholas	3 00
	11	Ebenezer, Columbia	14 00
	11	Colony, Newberry County	5 00
	11	Beth Eden	3 00
	11	Church of the Redeemer	10 00
	11	Mt. Hermon, Peak, S. C	3 00
	11	Pine Grove	9 00
	11	Mt. Lebanon	10 00
	11	St. Matthew's, Orangeburg County	10 00
	11	St. John's, Calk Road	9 40
	11	St. Mark's, Fort Motte	1 00
	11	Mt. Pleasant, Bamberg County	10 00
	11	Trinity, Saluda County	3 00
	11	St. Mark's, Saluda County	5 10
	11	Corinth, Saluda County	5 00
	11	Sandy Run, Lexington County	2 00
	15	Interest on sundry investments	27 80
			$4715 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

1899.			
Nov.	3	By G. L. London	$ 11 25
	3	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account	55 83
	3	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
	3	Rev. J. A. Morehead, for rent due	87 50
	3	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	12 97
Dec.	30	Amount C. W. Kregler	50 00
1900.			
Jan.	1	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	137 03
	4	Insurance on buildings	79 48

	8	Insurance on furniture and library	45 00
	25	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
Feb.	5	Prof. F. Muench	25 00
Mar.	13	Rev. J. A. Morehead, freight paid	2 45
	13	John D. Cappelmann, insurance	43 52
April	16	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
May	9	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	200 00
	16	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	100 00
	16	Rev. J. A. Morehead, for rent	100 00
	16	Rev. J. A. Morehead, incidental expenses, janitor, etc.	26 05
	16	Rev. R. C. Holland, for printing	8 00
	16	Geo. B. Cromer, expenses	11 50
	17	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	25 00
	17	Rev. K. Boldt	25 00
	17	Rev. J. W. Horine	25 00
	17	Prof. F. Muench	25 00
	17	Balance due by Treasurer	3189 99
			$4715 47

Of the $3,189.90, due by Treasurer, $3,099.34 is principal. I hold, in addition to the above, bonds of Richmond Mission, for $2,000, and one bond of S. W. Davis, for $700, secured by first mortgage.

H. S. TROUT, *Treasurer*.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report, which was received and referred to Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. DULS, Treasurer, In Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

1898. DR.

May	11	—To balance in hands Treasurer, per last report	$ 46 79
	23	Received of W. J. Duffie, publisher	125 84
Sept.	27	Received of Holston Synod, on Diet expenses	5 00
Oct.	11	Received of North Carolina Synod, on Diet expenses	20 00

(Other funds for Diet expenses did not pass through Treasurer's hands.)

$197 63

1898. CR.

May	25	—P'd sexton, per Rev. J. B. Fox (see p. 63, last Minutes	$ 5 00
	25	P'd Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Sec., " 56, "	25 00
	25	P'd Rev. L. G. M. Miller, refund, " 62, "	10 00

Aug. 2	P'd Rev. H. F. Scheele, Diet expenses, per order . . .	11 02
Dec. 13	P'd Rev. H. F. Scheele, Holston and N. C. Diet fund .	25 00
1899.		
April 10	P'd Henkel & Co., on account pr'ting and distributing Minutes Sixth Convention (p. 56, last Minutes) .	121 61
		$197 63

Resyectfully submitted,
C. H. DULS, *Treasurer.*

Charlotte, N. C., May 17, 1900.

The report of the Board of Directors of the South View Orphan Home was read.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH VIEW ORPHAN HOME.

As required by the United Synod, your Orphan Home has pleasure in submitting a report of its work for the past two years.

A continuation of God's blessing is recognized with deep gratitude. The work has steadily grown in efficiency and in the affection of the Church.

The present officers of the Board of Trustees are as follows: Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., President; Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Vice-President; Prof. F. V. N. Painter, Secretary; and Paul S. Davis, Treasurer.

Upon the nomination of your Committee appointed in Staunton, the following members have been elected, since your last meeting, to fill vacancies on the Board: Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. J. E. Cooper, of Winchester, Va.

The Rev. B. W. Cronk has shown himself a faithful and efficient officer as Superintendent. Mrs. Cronk, as matron, has been a judicious counselor. The other assistants in the Home—Miss Kate Barrier, as assistant matron, and Miss M. Etta Kegley, as teacher—have been diligent and consecrated in the discharge of their duties.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, Miss Kegley tendered her resignation, to take place June 15th. In her place, Miss Euphemia Robinson, of Mt. Holly, N. C., who has completed a course at the Normal Institute of Asheville, was elected, and will enter upon her duties in July.

Recently it was deemed advisable, for the greater efficiency of the work, to employ a third assistant as house-keeper. This will enable the Home to give the girls a better training.

During the past two years thirty-eight children have been under our

care, twenty-nine of whom are now in the Home. Arrangements have been made to receive six more, and applications for several others are now pending.

The religious training of the children receives special attention. Besides the daily religious services of the Home, the children attend the Sunday School and public worship of the College Church, and receive catechetical instruction from its pastor. The results have been very gratifying. Eighteen of the thirty-eight children—in fact all of suitable age—have been confirmed while in the Home.

Through local contributions the Home was supplied last fall with a respectable outfit for a printing office. Besides doing plain job work, the boys of the Home are now printing a small paper, *The Messenger*, which is commended to the liberal support of our people.

The Home returns thanks to the many friends throughout ihe Church who have contributed to its support. The average cost of the children, including the expense for repairs to buildings, was $66 the last fiscal year, an amount far below the usual cost in similar institutions.

The most important fact in the history of the Home since your last meeting is the purchase of a new building and grounds.

At the annual meetiug of the Board of Trustees held October 17, 1899, it was found necessary to increase the accommodations of the Home. The question at once arose whether it would be better to erect a second building or purchase the large and handsome property known as Hotel Salem. This property, costing originally $64,000 exclusive of grounds, was on the market at what was regarded as a very low figure.

The subject was discussed at length; but unwilling to decide so important a matter at once, the Trustees postponed its final consideration to an adjourned meeting held November 9, 1899. At this meeting, after a full discussion, it was decided to purchase the Hotel building, and to transfer the Home to its new quarters at once. The purchase of the property was consummated a few days later by the payment of $14,500 in cash, which amount was borrowed at 5 per cent. interest.

The building, located on a tract of about three acres of land, is an imposing brick edifice containing 80 rooms besides lobby, parlors, dining room, kitchen and basement, and affording room for our orphan work for many years to come. With but few and inexpensive changes it has been well adapted to the work of the Home. It is a building in which the Church may feel a just pride; and as it is estimated that the material in it would bring more than the price paid, it is obvious that the action of the Board is entirely safe. The work of the Home is now carried on in the new building and the old property, except most of the land, will be sold upon favorable opportunity and the proceeds applied to the debt.

It is proposed to raise the purchase money in ten years, and by dis-

tributing the amount through this period, to avoid entailing a great burden upon the Church. In order to carry out this plan it will be necessary to raise an average of about $1,800 a year. The sum for the current year is $2,175, but in 1909 it will be $1,522, as each payment will diminish the amount of interest. Notwithstanding the other and urgent calls made upon the Church, a general effort and co-operation, it is believed, will secure this amount without difficulty.

The following resolutions of the Executive Committee are presented for your consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee deem it advisable to establish, in connection with the Orphan work. a home for aged and disabled ministers and their wives.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of the Executive Committee that the deaconess work should be undertaken in connection with the Orphan Home,at as early a date as may be deemed practicable.

The work of the Home is attended with perplexities and cares; and while requiring the material support of our people, it needs at the same time their sympathies and prayers.

L. G. M. MILLER, President.

F. V. N. PAINTER, Secretary.

The report was received, and resolutions 1 and 2 were separately adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Orphan Home be authorized to establish, in connection with the orphan work and as soon as practicable, a home for aged and disabled ministers and their wives.

The Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, your Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following: Revs. R. C. Holland, W. C. Schaeffer, A. R. Beck, L. G. M. Miller, J. H. Wilson, W. L. Seabrook, and Messrs. E. L. Greever, C. M. Efird, G. B. Cromer, H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelmann, J. D. Heilig.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX.
GEO. H. COX.
JNO. F. FICKEN.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of Synod for the persons named in the report.

The report of the Committee on Common Service, Co-operation and Arbitration was read.

ROPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON SERVICE, CO-OPERATION AND ARBITRATION.

The duties assigned to this committee at the last meeting of the United Synod are the following:

1. To take the necessary steps to secure to this synod all plates, copyright of the Book of Worship and all appurtenances thereto belonging, which became the property of the United Synod by the expiration of the contract between Mr. W. J. Duffie and the Common Service Committee.

2. To continue the publication of the Book of Worship until this meeting of the United Synod.

3. To labor together with similar committees of other general bodies in the preparation of common ministerial acts and a common hymnal with a view to secure a Common Book of Service throughout.

4. To act as members of a Joint Committee of Co-operation and Arbitration with representatives of other bodies.

Your Committee has endeavored to carry out its instruction, and now begs leave to submit to you a report of its work.

SECTION I—PLATES OF BOOK OF WORSHIP, &C.

1. Immediately after the adjournment of the United Synod at Newberry in May, 1898, the committee met and took steps to secure the plates, etc., of the Book of Worship and to continue its publication. The copyright was placed in our hands at the last meeting of the United Synod. Through the agency of Hon. C. M. Efird, of Lexington, S. C.. who was empowered to act for the committee and rendered his valuable services without compensation, a transfer of the plates was effected at a cost to the committee of $6.46. It is recommended that the chairman of the committee be reimbursed to this amount. It is recommended that a vote of thanks be given Mr. C. M. Efird for his valuable services.

2. In closing the contract with Mr. W. J. Duffie, the former publisher of the Book of Worship, the committee was confronted with a perplexing question in regard to the stock of books on his hands. There was no provision for this stock in the contract with Mr. Duffie. The committee could not purchase these books from him. Through the kind services of C. M. Efird, Esq., the committee tried to effect a trade between Mr. ffie and the present publisher of the Book of Worship, but failed in

the effort. We then took the position that this stock belonged to Mr. Duffie to dispose of as he might wish without paying any royalty to this body on books sold after the expiration of his contract. But this does not satisfy Mr. Duffie, and to avoid all misunderstanding with our present publisher he has sent his check for $11.65, being the royalty on books sold by him since May 10, 1898, and demands a receipt in full. Your committee have accepted Mr. Duffie's check with thanks and have given him the receipt he demands.

SECTION II—PUBLICATION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

1. In providing for the continued publication of the Book of Worship, your Committee believed they would best carry out the wishes of the churches by trying to secure a reduction of the selling price of the books, rather than an increase of royalty on the books. The report of the sales, furnished by our publisher and appended to this report, shows both a considerable reduction of the selling price and an increase of royalty to be paid to the Synod. The contract for the publication of the book until this meeting was awarded to Elbert H. Aull, Esq., for the Board of Publication created by this Synod at its last meeting. The following are the different styles of bindings and sizes of the book, and the prices at which the same retail and the royalty payable to the United Synod, according to said contract:

	Retail.	Royalty.
Cloth	$ .35	$ .03½
Sheep	.50	.05
Dark Arabesque	.60	.06
Arabesque gilt	.75	.07½
English Turkey, extra gilt	1.50	.10
Turkey Morocco, super extra gilt	2.50	.10
Turkey Antique	3.00	.10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey (2 vols.), round corners	2.50	.10
English Calf, loose limp, red under gold edges (2 vols.) round corners	4.00	.10
Japanese Limp, round corners (2 vols.)	2.00	.10
Pulpit Size.		
Dark Arabesque	1.25	.10
Arabesque, gilt edge	1.50	.10
English Turkey	2.25	.10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey (2 vols.)	4.00	.10

Arabesque Gilt (2 vols.)	2.50	.10
Japanese Limp (2 vols.)	3.00	.10

The publisher obligated himself that the paper and binding of the several editions should not be inferior in any particular to the editions of the book heretofore published and sold. The contract also provides that whatever books are on hand at its expiration may be taken by the Committee at the cost of manufacturing them, or may, by its consent, be sold by the publisher at the prices stipulated in the contract until they are disposed of.

In making the transfer of the plates, it was discovered that there were no "dies," such as should accompany the plates, in the possession of the former publisher. The Committee instructed the present publisher to have suitable "dies" prepared at the cost of the Committee. The bill for these "dies" is $9.88, which amount has not yet been paid Mr. Aull. We recommend that an order be given on the Treasurer for the amount.

2. From the account of sales appended to this report, it will be seen that there is due the United Synod on royalty, $106.52, for which amount we have in hand Mr. Aull's check.

3. We bring to your notice that the contract of the Committee with Mr. Aull, Superintendent, expires on the 31st inst. Steps should be taken at this meeting for the continuation of the publication of the Book of Worship until the next regular meeting of the United Synod.

SECTION III—THE COMMON BOOK OF SERVICE, CATECHISM.

1. Work on the Common Book of Worship in course of preparation by committees from the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod necessarily progresses slowly. There are difficulties to be overcome which cannot be discussed in this report. There have been several meetings of the Joint Committee of the general bodies interested. At the meeting at Wernersville, Pa., in September, 1898, a standard English version of Luther's Small Catechism was completed and recommended for adoption by the three general bodies. It was printed in the "Lutheran Church Review" and also in the Minutes of the General Synod and in those of the General Council, both of which bodies have adopted it. An exact copy in print is submitted with this report with the recommendation that it be adopted.

2. To facilitate the work the Joint Committee was divided into two sub-committees, one on a hymnal and the other on an order for baptism. A representative of your committee was able to attend a meeting of each of these sub-committees in October, 1899, but not the Joint Committee meeting to which they reported in December last. The sub-committee on hymnal was gratified to learn that Rev. Dr. Seiss had prepared a proposed hymnal and accepted his liberal offer to print it for the use and

consideration of the committee. The sub-committee on order for baptism agreed on the essentials of such an order. At the meeting of the Joint Committee in Philadelphia in December and also at Atlantic City in April of this year the orders for infant and adult baptism and also for confirmation, prepared by instruction of the Committee, were carefully discussed. The rule that governs the Joint Committee in the preparation of these orders is the same as that followed in the preparation of the Common Service, namely, the concensus of the best Lutheran liturgies of the sixteenth century.

At the meeting of the Joint Committee at Atlantic City, at which your Committee was represented, the hymnal proposed by Dr. Seiss was also taken up and considerable progress was made in the selection of hymns. As has been said, all this work progresses slowly; but enough has been accomplished to indicate that the Common Book will yet become a reality.

3. The Chairman of your Committee has incurred $54.15 traveling expenses in attending these meetings, for a part of which at least he wishes to be reimbursed.

SECTION IV—CO-OPERATION AND ARBITRATION.

In the direction of co-operation and arbitration there was nothing for the Committee to do. However, in the absence of a report from the representative of this body, who together with representatives of the General Council and the General Synod arranged the First General Conference of Lutherans in America held in Philadelphia December 27–29, 1898, it falls to our committee to make some reference to that notable gathering. The proceedings of the Conference, published jointly by the publication houses of the General Council and the General Synod, constitute an important contribution to the recent literature of the Lutheran Church, and give evidence of the broad ground on which our general bodies stand together notwithstanding the differences that still exist among us. Several representatives of the United Synod were present at the Conference and papers were read prepared by four of our number.

The following action was taken by the Conference:

Resolved, That we, as a Convention, make known to the three General Bodies, by whose authority this Convention was called, the desirability of holding another convention of a similar character in the future.

The General Synod, at its late meeting at York, Pa., took the following action:

Resolved, That the General Synod expresses its hearty approval of the recent Lutheran Conference, and its belief that the results thereof have been most beneficent, as tending to the better understanding, fraternity

and unification of Lutherans, and that the hearty thanks of this Synod be returned to those who so liberally defrayed the expenses incurred, and also to the Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen, for his laborious and efficient labors in arranging for the meeting, and that he be re-appointed the representative of the General Synod, in devising arrangements for another such conference, should it be called.

The General Council at its meeting in Chicago adopted the resolutions following:

That another Conference be held, if possible, during the year 1900, according to the instructions given at Easton in 1895, and that we authorize a representative to be appointed by us, to act with the representative already appointed by the General Synod, and with the President or other representative of the United Synod of the South, in arranging for such Conference.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs be re-appointed the General Council representative on the Committee on General Conference; that another Conference be held, if possible, during the year 1900; that the thanks of the Council be tendered the Finance Committee; and that the same be re-appointed.

Each of these general bodies also appointed a Finance Committee to provide for the expenses of another Conference.

We recommend that the United Synod take similar action as follows:

1. That we express our deep gratification at the success and harmony of the First General Conference of Lutherans in America.

2. That Rev. L. L. Smith be appointed as representative by this body to arrange for a second Conference.

3. That Rev. L. L. Smith with the Presidents of the District Synods be appointed Finance Committee to raise the necessary funds.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
L. A. FOX.
R. C. HOLLAND.

Report of the Publisher of the Book of Worship.

E. H. AULL, Superintendent, In Account with Common Service Committee of the United Synod:

1898.				
Oct. 31	—By royalty on 191 copies Cloth	$ 6 68½	—$	6 68½
Nov. 30	" 145 copies Cloth	5 07½		
"	1 copy Sheep	05		
"	2 copies Dark Arabesque .	12		
"	4 copies Dark Ar. Gilt . .	30		
"	2 copies Eng. Turk. ex. gilt	20		

	" 3 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	30		
	" 1 copy Eng. Calf comb . .	10		
	" 2 copies Jap. Limp comb .	20		
		$ 6	34½	
	To error, 25 copies to E. A. S. not sent .		87½	—$ 5 47
Dec. 31	—By royalty on 101 copies Cloth	3	53½	
	" 4 Sheep		20	
	" 2 Arabesque plain		12	
	" 7 Arabesque gilt		52½	
	" 1 English Turkey		10	
	" 1 Turk. Mor. sup. ex. gilt		10	
	" 2 English Turkey Comb. .		20	
	" 2 English Calf Comb. . .		20	
	" 2 Japanese Limp.		20	—$ 5 18
1899.				
Jan. 31	—By royalty on 84 Cloth	2	94	
	" 7 Sheep		35	
	" 12 Arabesque plain		72	
	" 5 Arabesque gilt		37½	
	" 1 English Turkey		10	—$ 4 48½
Feb. 28	—By royalty on 96 Cloth	3	36	
	" 6 Sheep		30	
	" 6 Arabesque plain		36	
	" 4 Arabesque gilt		30	
	" 4 English Turk. ex. gilt .		40	
	" 4 English Turk. comb . .		40	
	" 7 Japanese Limp		70	—$ 5 82
Mar. 31	—By royalty on 51 Cloth	1	78½	
	" 3 Sheep		15	
	" 1 Arabesque plain		06	
	" 1 English Turk. ex. gilt .		10	
	" 1 English Turk. comb. . .		10	
	" 1 Japanese Limp		10	—$ 2 36½
April 31	—By royalty on 155 Cloth	5	42½	
	" 5 Sheep		25	
	" 2 Arabesque plain		12	
	" 7 Arabesque gilt		52½	
	" 1 English Turk. ex. gilt .		10	
	" 3 Japanese Limp		30	—$ 6 72
May 31	—By royalty on 108 Cloth	3	78	
	" 4 Sheep		20	
	" 1 English Turk. Comb . .		10	
	" 1 Japanese Limp comb . .		10	—$ 4 18

June	30—By royalty on	15 Cloth		52½	
	"	2 Sheep		10	
	"	2 Arabesque plain		12	
	"	9 Arabesque gilt		67½	
	"	3 Japanese Limp		30	
	"	3 Arabesque gilt. E. W. Co.		22½	
	"	2 Arabesque plain		12 —$	2 06½
July	30—By royalty on	77 Cloth	2	69½	
	"	4 Arabesque gilt pulpit ed.		40	
	"	6 Arabesque plain		36 —$	3 45½
Aug.	31—By royalty on	20 Sheep	1	00	
	"	1 English Turk, comb . .		10	
	"	2 Dark Arabesque puipit ed		20	
	"	1 Arab. gilt pulpit comb .		10	
	"	2 Jap. Limp " " .		20	
	"	179 Cloth	6	26½—$	7 86½
Sept.	30—By royalty on	1 Sheep		05	
	"	1 Arabesque plain		06	
	"	2 Arabesque gilt		15	
	"	1 Arabesque gilt pulpit . .		10	
	"	50 Cloth	1	75 —$	2 11
Oct.	31—By royalty on	12 Dark Arabesque . . .		72	
	"	10 Arabesque gilt		75	
	"	2 English Turkey ex. gilt		20	
	"	4 English Turkey comb. .		40	
	"	11 Arabesque gilt pulpit .	1	10	
	"	3 English Turkey		30	
	"	180 Cloth	6	30½—$	9 77½
Nov.	30—By royalty on	5 Cloth . . . . . $		17½	
	"	2 Arabesque plain		12	
	"	1 English Turkey comb .		10	
	"	1 Arabesque gilt pulpit .		10 —$	49½
Dec.	30—By royalty on	11 Cloth		38½	
	"	2 Dark Arabesque pulpit .		20	
	"	3 Jap. Limp pulpit 2 vols.		30	
	"	1 English Calf comb . .		10	
	"	6 English Turkey comb .		60	
	"	3 English Turkey ex. gilt.		30	
	"	17 Arabesque gilt	1	27½	
	"	10 Arabesque plain		60	
	"	7 Sheep		35 —$	4 11

1900.

Jan. 30—By royalty on 75 Cloth		2 55½		
" 2 English Turkey ex. gilt.		20		
" 1 Dark Arabesque pulpit		10		
" 1 Arabesque gilt pulpit		10		
" 1 English Turkey pulpit		10		
" 7 Arabesque plain		42		
" 15 Sheep		75		
" 1 Arabesque gilt		07½	—$ 4	30
Feb. 28—By royalty on 195 Cloth		6 82½		
" 17 Sheep		85		
" 27 Arabesque plain		1 62		
" 34 Arabesque gilt		2 55		
" 7 English Turkey gilt		70		
" 1 Turk. Mor. sup. ex. gilt.		10		
" 22 English Turkey comb		2 20		
" 3 English Calf comb		30		
" 20 Japanese Limp comb		2 00		
" 3 Arabesque gilt pulpit		30		
" 1 Arabesque plain		10		
" 1 English Turkey pulpit		10	—$ 17	64½
Mar. 31—By royalty on 12 Cloth		42		
" 2 Arabesque plain		12		
" 1 Arabesque gilt		7½		
" 5 Japanese Limp		50	—$ 1	11½
April 30—By royalty on 216 Cloth		7 56		
" 2 Sheep		10		
" 7 Arabesque plain		42		
" 28 Arabesque gilt		2 10		
" 6 English Turkey ex. gilt.		60		
" 1 Turkey Antique		10		
" 4 English Turkey comb		40		
" 12 Japanese Limp		1 20		
" 1 Arabesque plain pulpit		10		
" 1 " gilt pulpit, 2 vol		10	—$ 12	68
			$106	52

SUMMARY.

1919 copies Cloth, @ 3½	$ 67 17
94 copies Sheep, @ 5	4 70
103 copies Dark Arabesque, @ 6	6 18
133 copies Dark Arabesque Gilt, @ 7½	9 97
30 copies English Turkey Extra Gilt	3 00

49	copies English Turkey Comb	4 90
7	copies English Calf	70
2	copies Turkey Morocco S. E. G	20
59	copies Japanese Limp	5 90
1	Turkey Antique	10
2397		$102 82

PULPIT.

7	copies Arabesque Plain	$ 70
21	copies Arabesque Gilt	2 10
2	copies Arabesque Gilt Comb	20
2	copies Jap. Limp Comb	20
5	copies English Turkey	50
37		$ 3 70

STOCK ON HAND.

858 copies Cloth,
95 copies Sheep,
33 copies Dark Arabesque
83 copies Arabesque Gilt
4 copies English Turkey Ex. G
9 copies Turkey Morocco S. E. G.
5 copies Turkey Antique.

COMBINATION SETS.

8 copies English Turkey
27 copies English Calf.
4 copies Japanese Limp.

PULPIT SIZE.

6 copies Dark Arabesque
16 copies Arabesque Gilt.
10 copies English Turkey.

COMBINATION SETS.

23 copies English Turkey.
9 copies Arabesque Gilt.
43 Japanese Limp.

Newberry, S. C., May 1, 1900.

The report was received for consideration by items, and was made the special order for to-morrow morning.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. M. M. Kinard.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of Committee on Common Service, Co-operation, and Arbitration was taken up and considered by sections and items.

SECTION I.

Item 1. Adopted as amended.

Item 2. Adopted.

SECTION II.

Item 1. Recommendation adopted.

Item 2. Adopted with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the check for $106.52 of Mr. Aull, and also the check of Mr. Duffie for $11.65, both being for royalty on sales of Book of Worship, be turned over to C. H. Duls, Esq., Treasurer of United Synod.

Item 3. Adopted with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Common Service Committee be authorized to arrange for the publication of the Book of Worship during the coming two years; also to determine styles of binding in which it is to be published.

SECTION III.

Item 1. On motion, passages were read from the Catechism, as called for by several members of Synod, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Translation of Luther's Small Catechism, presented by the Joint Common Service Committee, be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Item 2. Adopted. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Common Service Book is instructed to add, as a supplement, forty or fifty hymns to subsequent editions of the Book of Worship, if practicable, together with a complete topical index to the entire hymnal, and also to publish the aforesaid supplement in separate form, including the index.

Item 3. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. Voigt be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing his duties as a member of the Joint Common Service Committee.

SECTION IV.

Recommendation 1. Adopted.
Recommendation 2. Adopted as amended.
Recommendation 3. Adopted as amended.
The report was adopted as a whole.

Final Revision of the Translation of Luther's Small Catechism, made at Wernersville in September, 1898, by the Joint Committee of the General Synod, United Synod of the South, Joint Synod of Ohio, English Synod of Missouri,* and General Council.

The Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther for Pastors and Preachers.

PREFACE.

Martin Luther to all faithful and godly Pastors and Preachers: Grace, Mercy and Peace, in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

The deplorable condition in which I found religious affairs during a recent visitation of the congregations, has impelled me to publish this Catechism, or statement of the Christian doctrine, after having prepared it in very brief and simple terms. Alas! what misery I beheld! The people, especially those who live in the villages, seem to have no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are ignorant and incompetent teachers. And, nevertheless, they all maintain that they are Christians, that they have been baptized, and that they have received the Lord's Supper. Yet they cannot recite the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments; they live as if they were irrational creatures, and now that the Gospel has come to them, they grossly abuse their Christian liberty.

Ye bishops! what answer will ye give to Christ for having so shamefully neglected the people, and paid no attention to the duties of your office? I invoke no evil on your heads. But you withhold the cup in the Lord's Supper, insist on the observance of your human laws, and yet, at the same time, do not take the least interest in teaching the people the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or any other part of the word of God. Woe unto you!

Wherefore I beseech you in the Name of God, my beloved brethren,

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*Not represented at this meeting.

who are pastors or preachers, to engage heartily in the discharge of the duties of your office, to have mercy on the people who are entrusted to your care, and to assist us in introducing the Catechism among them, and especially among the young. And if any of you do not possess the necessary qualifications, I beseech you to take at least the following forms and read them, word for word, to the people, on this wise:—

In the first place, let the preacher take the utmost care to avoid all changes or variations in the text and wording of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Sacraments, etc. Let him, on the contrary, take each of the forms respectively, adhere to it, and repeat it anew, year after year. For young and inexperienced people cannot be successfully instructed, unless we adhere to the same text or the same forms of expression. They easily become confused when the teacher at one time employs a certain form of words and expressions, and, at another, apparently with a view to make improvements, adopts a different form. The result of such a course will be that all the time and labor which we have expended will be lost.

This point was well understood by our venerable fathers, who were accustomed to use the same words in teaching the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We, too, should follow this plan when we teach these things, particularly in the case of the young and ignorant, not changing a single syllable, nor introducing any variations when, year after year, we recur to these forms and recite them anew before our hearers.

Choose, therefore, the form of words which best pleases you, and adhere to it perpetually. When you preach in the presence of intelligent and learned men, you are at liberty to exhibit your knowledge and skill, and may present and discuss these subjects in all the varied modes which are at your command. But when you are teaching the young, retain the same form and manner without change; teach them, first of all, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc., always presenting the same words of the text, so that those who learn can repeat them after you, and retain them in the memory.

But if any refuse to receive your instructions, tell them plainly that they deny Christ and are not Christians; such persons shall not be admitted to the Lord's Table, nor present a child for Baptism, nor enjoy any of our Christian privileges, but are to be sent back to the pope and his agents, and, indeed to Satan himself. Their parents and employers should, besides, refuse to furnish them with food and drink, and notify them that the government was disposed to banish from the country all persons of such a rude and intractable character.

For although we cannot, and should not, compel them to exercise faith, we ought, nevertheless, to instruct the great mass with all dili-

gence, so that they may know how to distinguish between right and wrong in their conduct towards those with whom they live, or among whom they desire to earn their living. For whoever desires to reside in a city, and enjoy the rights and privileges which its laws confer, is also bound to know and obey those laws. God grant that such persons may become sincere believers! But if they remain dishonest and vicious, let them at least withhold from public view the vices of their hearts.

In the second place, when those whom you are instructing have become familiar with the words of the text, it is time to teach them to understand the meaning of those words, so that they may become acquainted with the object and purport of the lesson. Then proceed to another of the following forms, or, at your hleasure, choose any other which is brief, and adhere strictly to the same words and forms of expression in the text, without altering a single syllable; besides, allow yourself ample time for the lessons. For it is not necessary that you should, on the same occasion, proceed from the beginning to the end of the several parts; it will be more profitable if you present them separately, in regular succession. When the people have, for instance, at length correctly understood the First Commandment, you may proceed to the Second, and so continue. By neglecting to observe this mode, the people will be overburdened, and be prevented from understanding and retaining in memory any considerable part of the matter communicated to them.

In the third place, when you have thus reached the end of this Short Catechism, begin anew with the Large Catechism, and by means of it furnish the people with fuller and more comprehensive explanations. Explain here at large every Commandment, every Petition, and, indeed, every part, showing the duties which they severally impose, and both the advantages which follow the performance of those duties, and also the dangers and losses which result from the neglect of them. Insist in an especial manner on such Commandments or other parts as seem to be most of all misunderstood or neglected by your people It will, for example, be necessary that you should enforce with the utmost earnestness the Seventh Commandment, which treats of stealing, when you are teaching workmen, dealers, and even farmers and servants, inasmuch as many of these are guilty of various dishonest and thievish practices. So, too, it will be your duty to explain and apply the Fourth Commandment with great diligence, when you are teaching children and uneducated adults, and to urge them to observe order, to be faithful, obedient and peaceable, as well as to adduce numerous instances mentioned in the Scriptures, which show that God punished such as were guilty in these things, and blessed the obedient.

Here, too, let it be your great aim to urge magistrates and parents to

rule wisely, and to educate the children, admonishing them, at the same time, that such duties are imposed on them, and showing them how grievously they sin if they neglect them. For in such a case they overthrow and lay waste alike the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world, acting as if they were the worst enemies both of God and man. And show them very plainly the shocking evils of which they are the authors, when they refuse their aid in training up children to be pastors, preachers, writers, etc., and set forth that on account of such sins God will inflict an awful punisnment upon them. It is, indeed, necessary to preach on these things, for parents and magistrates are guilty of sins in this respect, which are so great that there are no terms in which they can be described. And truly, Satan has a cruel design in fostering these evils.

Finally; inasmuch as the people are now relieved from the tyranny of the pope, they refuse to come to the Lord's Table, and treat it with contempt. On this point, also, it is very necessary that you should give them instructions, while, at the same time, you are to be guided by the following principles: That we are to compel no one to believe, or to receive the Lord's Supper; that we are not to establish any laws on this point, or appoint the time and place; but that we should so preach as to influence the people, without any law adopted by us, to urge, and, as it were, to compel us who are pastors, to administer the Lord's Supper to them. Now this object may be attained, if we address them in the following manner: It is to be feared that he who does not desire to receive the Lord's Supper at least three or four times during the year, despises the Sacrament, and is no Christian. So, too, he is no Christian, who neither believes nor obeys the Gospel; for Christ did not say: "Omit or despise this," but "This ye do, as oft as ye drink it," etc. He commands that this should be done, and by no means be neglected and despised. He says: "This do."

Now he who does not highly value the Sacrament, shows thereby that he has no sin, no flesh, no devil, no world, no death, no danger, no hell; that is to say, he does not believe that such evils exist, although he may be deeply immersed in them, and completely belong to the devil. On the other hand, he needs no grace, no life, no Paradise, no heaven, no Christ, no God, no good thing. For if he believed that he was involved in such evils, and that he was in need of such blessings, he could not refrain from receiving the Sacrament, wherein aid is afforded against such evils, and, again, such blessings are bestowed. It will not be necessary to compel him by force of any law to approach the Lord's Table; he will hasten to it of his own accord, will compel himself to come, and, indeed, urge you to administer the Sacrament to him.

Hence, you are by no means to adopt any compulsory law in this case,

as the pope has done. Let it simply be your aim to set forth distinctly the advantages and losses, the wants and the benefits, the dangers and the blessings, which are to be considered in connection with the Sacrament; the people will, doubtless, then seek it without urgent demands on your part. If they still refuse to come forward, let them choose their own ways, and tell them that those who do not regard their own spiritual misery, and do not desire the gracious help of God, belong to Satan. But if you do not give such solemn admonitions, or if you adopt odious compulsory laws on the subject, it is your own fault if the people treat the Sacrament with contempt. Will they not necessarily be slothful, if you are silent and sleep? Therefore consider the subject seriously, ye Pastors and Preachers! Our office has now assumed a very different character from that which it bore under the pope; it is now of a very grave nature, and is very salutary in its influence. It consequently subjects us to far greater burdens and labors, dangers and temptations, while it brings with it an inconsiderable reward, and very little gratitude in the world. But Christ himself will be our reward, if we labor with fidelity. May He grant such mercy unto us who is the Father of all grace, to whom be given thanks and praises through Christ, our Lord, for ever! Amen.

WITTENBERG, A. D. 1529.

I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach them to his household.

I AM THE LORD THY GOD.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Ques. What is meant by this?

Ans. We should fear, love and trust God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not curse, swear, conjure, lie or deceive by his name, but call upon his name in every time of need, and worship him with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not despise preaching and his word, but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not despise our parents and superiors, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love and esteem them.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not kill.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not hurt nor harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and live chaste and pure in words and deeds, and husband and wife each love and honor the other.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not steal.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not take our neighbor's money or property, nor get it by false wares or false dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and living.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not falsely belie, betray, backbite nor slander our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on all he does.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not craftily seek to gain our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor to get it by a show of right, but help and serve him in keeping it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not estrange, force or entice away from our neighbor, his wife, servants or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Q. What does God say of all these Commandments?

A. He says: I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments, therefore we should fear his wrath, and do nothing against such commandments. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments; therefore we should love and trust in him, and gladly do according to his commandments.

II. THE CREED.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

THE FIRST ARTICLE.

Of Creation.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that God has made me, together with all creatures; that he has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and child, land, cattle and all my goods; that he richly and daily provides me with all that I need for this body and life, protects me against all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this, purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE.

Of Redemption.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary; is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature. purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; even as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church he

daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

III. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Our Father who art in heaven.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that he is truly our Father, and we are truly his children, so that we may ask of him with all cheerfulness and confidence, as dear children ask of their dear father.

THE FIRST PETITION.

Hallowed be Thy name.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be hallowed also among us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When the word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God, lead holy lives, in accordance with it; this grant us, dear father in heaven! But he that teaches and lives otherwise than the word of God teaches, profanes the name of God among us; from this preserve us, Heavenly Father!

THE SECOND PETITION.

Thy kingdom come.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come also to us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When our Heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy word, and live godly here in time, and in heaven forever.

THE THIRD PETITION.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done also among us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When God defeats and hinders every evil counsel and purpose, which would not let us hallow God's name nor let his kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our own flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in his word and in faith unto our end. This is his gracious and good will.

THE FOURTH PETITION.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to acknowledge and receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Q. What is meant by "daily bread?"

A. All that belongs to the wants and support of the body, such as meat, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, good friends, trusty neighbors and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor, on account of them, deny our prayer; for we are not worthy of anything we ask, neither have we deserved it; but that he would grant us all through

grace; for we sin much every day, and deserve nothing but punishment. And we on our part will heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

THE SIXTH PETITION.

And lead us not into temptation.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God indeed tempts no one, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, that the devil, the world and our flesh may not deceive us, nor lead us into misbelief, despair and other shameful sin and vice; and, though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome, and hold the victory.

THE SEVENTH PETITION.

But deliver us from evil.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We pray in this petition, as the sum of all, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from all manner of evil—in body and soul, property and honor—and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this vale of sorrow to himself in heaven.

[For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.]

AMEN.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. That I should be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard by him; for he himself has commanded us so to pray, and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, Yea; it shall be so.

IV. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

I.

Q. What is Baptism?

A. Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water com-

prehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.

Q. What is that word of God?

A. That which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

II.

Q. What benefits does Baptism confer?

A. It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what the words and promises of God declare.

Q. Which are those words and promises of God?

A. Those which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

III.

Q. How can water do such great things?

A. It is not water indeed that does it, but the word of God, which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God, the water is simply water, and no baptism. But with the word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost; as St. Paul says, Titus iii, 5–8: "According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

IV.

Q. What does such baptizing with water signify?

A. It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily sorrow and repentance, be drowned and die, with all sins and evil lusts; and again a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Q. Where is this written?

A. St. Paul says, Rom. 6: 4: "We are buried with Christ by baptism into death; that like as he was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

How People Should be Taught to Confess.

Q. What is Confession?

A. Confession embraces two parts; one, that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe that through it our sins are forgiven beford God n heaven.

Q. What sins should we confess?

A. Before God we should acknowledge ourselves guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not discern; as we do in he Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess hose sins only which we know and feel in our hearts.

Q. Which are these?

A. Here consider your station in the light of the Ten Commandments, whether you be a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether in these relations you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful; whether you have wronged any one by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted aught, or done any harm.

V. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Q. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A. It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q. Where is this written?

A. The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark and Luke, together with St. Paul, write thus:

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

"After the same manner, also, when He had supped, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Q. What use is such eating and drinking?

A. It is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins"; namely, that in the sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Q. How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

A. It is not the eating and drinking, indeed, that does it, but the words which stand here: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins." These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the chief thing in the Sacrament; and he that believes these words, has what they say and mean, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

Q. Who then receives this sacrament worthily?

A. Fasting and bodily preparations are indeed a good outward discipline; but he is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins." But he who believes not these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, FOR YOU, require truly believing hearts.

The following report of Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF CHURCH PAPERS.

Your Committee appointed at the Convention of the United Synod at Staunton, Va., in 1895, and continued by the Convention at Newberry, 1898, respectfully reports its inability to effect a plan for consolidation, and requests to be discharged. The Committee learns that the Board of Publication has plans on this subject, which will, no doubt, be presented for your consideration.

L. L. SMITH.
C. B. KING.
L. A. FOX.
L. G. M. MILLER.
G. B CROMER.

The President of the Lutheran Publication Board presented the following report, which was received for consideration:

REPORT OF LUTHERAN PUBLICATION BOARD.

Your Board would beg to submit the following report:

1. At the last meeting of your body you elected a Board of Publication. Immediately after the election the Board met, and was organized by the election of Rev V R. Stickley, President; W. L. Seabrook, Vice-President; A. H. Kohn, Secretary. E. H. Aull was elected Superintendent and was also made Treasurer. An Executive Committee, consisting of Rev. S. T Hallman, D. D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, D D., C. M. Efird, A. H. Kohn, and A. G. Wise, was elected. An Editorial Committee was also constituted, by the election of the following: Revs. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., H. S. Wingard, D. D., R. C. Holland, D. D., A. G. Voigt, D. D., and Prof. Geo B. Cromer.

2. I beg also to submit the Basis of Organization and the By-Laws adopted by the Board, which are attached to this report and marked Exhibits A. and B.

3. Also, accompanying this report is the report of the Superintendent, marked Exhibit C. In this report is given an account in full of the work done by the Board, demonstrating the wisdom of the United Synod in its appointment. The earnest, faithful, and self-sacrificing labors of the Superintendent in the interest of the work merit and receive our special gratitude.

We would recommend the hearty co-operation and sympathy of this body.

Respectfully submitted,
V. R. STICKLEY, *President.*

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the President of the Lutheran Board of Publication, its exhibits, the report of the Committee on Church Papers, and the plan and bond read in connection therewith be referred to a committee of one from each Synod composing this body, with instructions to report at this meeting.

The following committee was appointed in pursuance of the above resolution: Revs. C. B. King, J. A. B. Scherer, J. C. Moser, W. J. Smith, L. A. Fox, J. L. Derrick, D. A. Sox, and Mr. Samuel Booher.

The report of Committee on President's Report was received to be considered by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee begs to offer the following:

In his report the President closes his introduction in these words: "After years of uncertainty, our enterprises are assuming so permanent a character that we may safely proceed to build upon the foundation laid and to enlarge our operations as surrounding opportunities appear, and, in the call of our duty, we hear the call of God."

It was while discharging the duties of his calling that the Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., the Vice-president of this Synod, heard the call of God and passed to his heavenly reward, on the first day of December, 1899.

1. In accordance with the President's suggestion, we recommend that a Memorial Service be held in this church on Sunday afternoon next, at the hour of 5 o'clock, and that this service be in charge of a committee consisting of the Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. H. Wilson, J. S. Elmore, and Prof. Geo. B. Cromer. We also recommend that these brethren be a committee to draw up suitable resolutions upon the death of our beloved and lamented Vice-President, and submit the same to this body for adoption.

Your Committee calls the attention of Synod to the following recommendations in the report not otherwise provided for:

2. It is recommended that an effort be made to secure individual persons or congregations to contribute annually a specified amount towards the support of missionaries.

3. It is recommended that the General Secretary continue to confer with the Mission Board of each synod in which the United Synod is operating, as to the nature and extent of the (Home) Mission work to be done.

4. It is recommended that a committee, one member from each synod,

be appointed to prepare a uniform blank for our Parochial Reports, and report to this Convention.

5. Your Committee recommends that the thanks of Synod be tendered the President for the efficient and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his responsible office.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND.
J. W. HORINE.
E. H. KOHN.
M. O. J. KREPS.
J. D. CAPPELMANN.
JAS D. HEILIG.

Recommendations 1, 2, 3. Adopted.

Recommendation 4. Adopted, and the following committee was appointed: Revs. S. C. Ballentine, C. B. King, J. J. Scherer, J. L. Derrick, L. L. Smith, J. S. Elmore, E. H. Kohn, Mr. Samuel Booher.

Recommendation 5. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. T. Hallman.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Freed.

On motion, the Committee on Common Service was continued as the Committee on Common Book of Worship.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee to Nominate a Board of Publication: Revs. J. W. Horine, M. O. J. Kreps, C. A. Marks.

The Committee on Missions offered the following report, which was received and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on the report of the Board of Missions submit the following report:

1. We desire to record our high appreciation of the faithfulness and efficiency of the Board, and our gratitude to God for the abundant suc-

cess with which their labors have been crowned. When the fact is noted that the means at their command were far below the actual needs of the Board the results attained are marvelous and highly gratifying.

2. We also commend the faithfulness, energy and devotion of the General Secretary, and bespeak for him the continued co-operation and support of all our people.

3. Your Committee notes with pleasure that there has been an increase in the receipts both for Home and Foreign Missions since the last convention of this body, and that one gentleman alone has contributed $1,609.50 to balance loan of Board, effected in 1895.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that the report of the Board be adopted, and their acts approved.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

3. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

4. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

5. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HALLMAN.
D. P. CRICKENBERGER.
WM. P. HOUSEAL.
GEORGE H. COX.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the present Board of Missions be re-elected, with the following substitutions: Instead of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, that the Rev. E. H. Kohn be substituted, and instead of Mr. J. A. Alexander, Mr. J. W. Ebberly.

The following report of Auditing Committee was received and adopted:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to Audit Treasurer's Report respectfully report that

they have examined the account of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and find the disbursements therein mentioned properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

JNO. F FICKEN.
J. S. ETTA.
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last convention of this Synod, have the pleasure to report that the unfinished business claiming the attention of this body has already been presented and disposed of. There remains therefore nothing for your Committee to present for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SCHAEFFER.
C. A. FREED.
C. P. BOOZER.
A. H. KOHN.
A. D. WESSELL.
C. T. BERNHARDT.

The Committee on Literary Institutions offered the following, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee had placed in its hands catalogues or reports from the following institutions: Newberry College, Elizabeth College, Lenoir College, Marion Female College, Holston Synodical College, and Mt. Amœna Female Seminary, Roanoke College and North Carolina College.

The catalogues which have been in our hands are exceptionally finely gotten up, and indicate pains-taking care in their preparation, and would impress one very favorably to begin with.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE—Two years ago the Committee on Literary Institutions, at Newberry, reported a total enrollment of students at 161, the highest, up to that time, in its history. This year it goes much beyond that, and foots up to 175. Last year it had 107 in the collegiate department, this year it has 127 in the same, a gain of 20. Last year it had 7 in the Post-graduate department, this year 11. This is a most encouraging indication of the increasing estimation, in which it is held as a center of higher education, a college proper, had a cause

of congratulation to ourselves, and to those who have been so successfully conducting the institution. We are glad to note that throughout the entire four years included in the regular college course, with the exception of the last term of the Senior year, "Bible Study" is part of the regular course of study. The library numbers 8,000 volumes.

ROANOKE COLLEGE—With this institution also the year has been an encouraging one—168 students were enrolled, of whom 10 came from foreign countries, and 17 from States north of Virginia. Five of her Faculty have studied in Europe. Her library numbers 22,000 volumes. In the case of Roanoke College also we are glad to note that the English Bible has a place in her regular course of study. How great a work our colleges are doing in preparing our young men for the Gospel ministry we need not remind you. We need only look at the composition of any and all our Synods to see. We fear that our practical appreciation of these institutions is yet far from being commersurate with the inestimable good which they have accomplished and are accomplishing. We should furnish them with more students and more money.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE—The number of students enrolled this year is 57. It is encouraging to note that this is a gain over last year of that the entire graduating class of last year are in our own Seminary at 5. Another very gratifying fact in connection with this institution is Mt. Pleasant. Very few colleges could show such a record. The year's work has been encouraging. The library numbers 4,000 volumes. The buildings and grounds are worth $15,000. The endowment amounts to $15,000.

LENOIR COLLEGE—This institution is under the fostering care of the Tennessee Synod, and located at Hickory N. C. It attracts a large number of students, its enrollment reaching 126—which is a most encuraging showing for an institution of its comparatively recent origin. In its course of study is not only included the Bible, but what is not so common, Luther's Catechism as well It has also in connection with it a Theological department. It has also an encouraging beginning of a library.

HOLSTON SYNODICAL COLLEGE, AT MOSHEIM, TENN —This institution is co-educational. For the past year it enrolled no less than 157 students. Also included in its course is the study of the Bible. Its President is Rev. J. B. Greever. It is doing much to furnish the facilities for an education to our people within the bounds of the Holston Synod.

MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.—The past year is reported as one of the most prosperous in its history. Its enrollment was 101. From the beginning it has had nearly 1,000 students, and sent out 120 graduates. It has done a great work in bringing an education within the reach of many of our young women in Southwest Virginia, who could not other-

wise have availed themselves of similar advantages. Its students are weekly instructed in the Catechism, and daily in the Bible, and thus much has been accomplished in strengthening the Church through intelligent Christian homes.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE.—This institution, located at Charlotte, N. C., enrolled the past year 116 students, drawn from nine states, both North and South. Its faculty numbers some twenty or more. Its buildings are beautiful, substantial and capacious, and though but very recently founded, it already stands in the front rank of our institutions devoted to female education, and has great reason to feel greatly encouraged at the work already done, and the prospects which open out before it. In its regular course also the Bible is included as a part of the same.

MONT AMŒNA FEMALE SEMINARY.—This Seminary reports a year ordinarily prosperous. The enrollment represents three states, and four of our district synods. The instructors and officers for the coming year number eleven, nine of whom devote all their time to its work. Its efficiency in every way is reported as growing.

BETH EDEN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, within the bounds of the Mississippi Synod, reports some marks of advancement over the previous year. Its enrollment was 58: males, 26; females, 32; and its teachers, two. We notice that Rev. H. E. H. Sloop, its Principal, has resigned.

At the most of our institutions the expenses have been cut down to the lowest figure, so that their advantages are accessible to those whose means are very limited, as is the case with a very large proportion of our people. They richly deserve our deepest interest, our faithful support, and our prayers.

L. G. M. MILLER.
JOHN C. SEEGERS.
J. A. LINN.
J. L. DERRICK.
J. S. ELMORE.
SAMUEL BOOHER.

The following report of the Committee on the State of the Church was received and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The chief sources from which we must draw for information on the state of the Church are the minutes of the district synods, especially the reports on that subject contained in them. These reports are generally hopeful and encouraging. Yet there are some notes of complaint. These, however, suggest a failure to measure up to the standard of religious life desirable, rather than a retrogression of the churches. On the

whole the state of the Church is one of progress. The blessed Gospel of the Lord is still proving itself as a power of life among us, and its quickening effects are manifest in various evidences of spiritual grace and Christian activity, to which we take pleasure in making brief reference in this report.

1. That there is growth in Christian activity in the various district synods, appears not only from the reports on this item in the minutes of these synods, but also from the support which most of the institutions of the Church, for instance the Ophan Home, enjoy.

2. The attendance upon the services of the house of God and the use of the Sacraments is generally reported encouraging. We note some complaints in regard to the attendance upon the Lord's Supper. There is undoubtedly a lack of appreciation of the great benefits of this sacred ordinance in this age, even good members of the Church being sometimes satisfied with a participation in the Sacrament once a year. In this respect we still have something to learn from the first age of the Church, when the Lord's Supper was celebrated with greater frequency than now.

3. In the matter of benevolence, we are gratified to report a commendable progress, yet much remains for us to attain.

4. Sunday Schools are established and fostered throughout the United Synod. In remote places there may be a lack of efficiency in this important means of Christian education. But improved Sunday School literature and more perfect organization are generally productive of better results in our schools.

5. The subject of catechization is one that is often referred to in reports like this with emphasis, recommendation, and complaint. We are convinced that much more discussion of this essential means of preparation for effective discipleship and much more insistence upon it are necessary before we attain that standard of instruction which is the ideal of our Lutheran Church.

6. The finances of most congregations indicate improvement, although it is painful to hear and read so often of salaries of pastors unpaid.

7. The interest in Christian education is sustained. It would be strange indeed if it were otherwise in an age of education. When we speak of Christian education we should think not only of colleges and seminaries. We should also think of the provisions for educating the younger members of the Church. May not the question be raised here with propriety whether home training, as it in fact exists, and the instruction given in the Sunday School are sufficient for the spiritual needs of the young? We merely ask this question as a suggestion to awaken thought.

8. Probably nothing furnishes clearer evidence of the progress we are making as a Church than the report of the Board of Missions presented

to this Convention. Twenty-seven Home Missions organized or aided since 1886, and a Foreign Mission successfully established and maintained and expanded to the size of three ordained missionaries and six native helpers, all accomplished by a body of 40,000 communicants, with numerous and urgent home needs, render tangible proof that there is Christian life and love for Christ and his cause among us. While humbly lamenting our shortcomings, we have reason to rejoice in what we have accomplished, but at the same time to pray for a larger measure of God's grace in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
A. PHILIPPI.
C. A. MARKS.
J. C. MOSER.
J. PAULSEN.
H. P. COPENHAVER.

Synod took up the Report of Committee on Tender of Elizabeth College, and acted on Sections III and IV by items.

Section III, Items 1, 2, adopted.

Section IV, Resolutions 1, 2, adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolutions were introduced by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, and were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we recognize with sincerest pleasure the attendance at this Convention of so large a delegation from among our brethren of the Tennessee Synod.

Resolved, 2. That their delegation be fraternally requested to use such efforts as may seem best to them, and as they conscientiously can, to secure, on the part of their entire body, clerical and lay, harmonious co-operation in carrying forward all the general interests of the United Synod.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the position heretofore occupied by the Tennessee Synod with regard to full and active co-operation with this body, this United Synod does now assure the Tennessee Synod that it is most sincerely desirous, in the prosecution of our common work, that nothing may be done calculated to burden the consciences of the brethren of any of our synods. All our synods are founded on the Word of God, and the confessions of the Church in accordance with it, and all are equally bound to frame their practice and fulfill their duty in accordance with a candid and conscientious conviction of the true and proper sense of that Word, and our Confessions on it founded.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with profound interest the remarks of Rev. J. L. Derrick on the conditions of our Church in Mississippi, and that we sympathize with these brethren in their need, and commend them to the continued favorable consideration of the Board of Missions.

The report of Committee on Report of Board of Publication and other papers referred to therein was read and received to be considered by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION, ETC.

Two distinct matters came before your Committee: First, the reports of the officers of the Board of Publication, with the papers connected therewith; secondly, the plan for the publication of a Church paper as the official organ of the United Synod. The Committee took the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Synod's approval of the conduct of the Board of Publication during the biennium, and that the reports of the President and Superintendent, together with the constitution and by-laws, be printed in the minutes of this convention.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Synod respectfully return to the Executive Committee of the Board of Publication the written plan aforesaid, regarding the same as impracticable.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the former committee on the consolidation of the Church papers be re-appointed, and kindly requested to continue their efforts along their own lines.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX.
C. B. KING.
JAMES A. B. SCHERER.
J. C. MOSER.
W. J. SMITH.
J. L. DERRICH,
D. A. SOX.
SAMUEL BOOHER.

Items 1, 2, 3. Adopted.

[For committee under item 3, see Minutes Staunton Convention, 1895, p. 66.]

The report was adopted as a whole.

Basis of Organization.

Acting under authority of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, the Board of Publication adopts the following basis of organization:

1. The name of the organization shall be Lutheran Publication Board of the United Synod.

2. Its object shall be to foster Church literature in the United Synod.

3. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent, and an Executive Committee of four members to be elected at the first regular meeting after each convention of the United Synod.

4. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices. The superintendent shall have charge of the printing, shall keep a supply of general Church literature when found advisable, and under the Executive Committee shall have general charge of the business interests of the Board.

5. The Executive Committee, shall have general control of the interests of the Board, with authority to make contracts and to fill vacancies.

6. An Editorial Committee consisting of five persons, shall be appointed to examine all manuscripts offered for publication at the expense of the Board, and their unanimous approval of any manuscript must precede its acceptance. Furthermore, the Superintendent shall refer all doubtful matters in relation to manuscripts to the Editorial Committee.

7. Full reports of the transactions and publications of the Board shall be submitted to the United Synod at its regular meetings.

By-Laws of the Lutheran Publication Board of the United Synod.

1. The Board shall meet as soon as practicable after their appointment at the call of the person first named by the Synod on the Board.

2. At such meeting the Board shall organize by the election from among its members of a Chairman, a Secretary, an Executive Committee, an Editing Committee, and a Superintendent—the members of the last committee and the Superintendent, need not all be members of the Board.

3. The Executive Committee and Editing Committee shall meet as soon thereafter as practicable on the call of the person first named, on each by the Board, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary from among their own members.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet semi-annually, at the call of the Chairman, as soon as convenient after the first days of January and June of each year.

5. Call meetings of the Board may be had at any time on the request of three members.

6. Call meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any time on the call of the Chairman and Secretary thereof.

7. Meeting of the Editing Committee shall be had on the call of the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

8. The Superintendent shall act as Treasurer and Bookkeeper of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, and shall be ex-officio member of the Executive Committee without the privilege of voting.

9. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the financial matters of the Board: shall execute all contracts, the signatures of a majority being sufficient to bind the whole, and shall account by full report to the whole Board at each meeting.

10. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members of the Board.

Report of Superintendent of Lutheran Publication Board.

NEWBERRY, S. C., May 18, 1900.

Rev. V. R. Stickley, Chairman Lutheran Publication Board:

I beg to submit herewith my report as your Superintendent.

As you are aware, the operations of the Board have not been extensive, still we have kept the pledge not to involve the United Synod nor the Board in any financial obligations, and the amount of money to the credit of the Board has been obtained without risk or effort on the part of the Board. It is small, but it is a beginning, and to my mind, demonstrates the practicability of the establishment of a Lutheran Publication House in the South, on a paying basis for our Church. To do this, however, would require a concentration of our efforts and interests, and the hearty endorsement and the earnest and sincere co-operation of all our pastors and people of the several district synods of the United Synod. It is a sad commentary that a general body, with a membership of upwards of forty thousand communicants, does not have charge of its own Church literature. It could be made beneficial, not only on account of the influence for good which it would exert, but if properly and wisely managed, could be made a source of considerable revenue to the Church. The large publication houses of our Church North, made much smaller beginnings than we are able to make to-day. We are not lacking in opportunity, but it seems to me that we are slow to grasp opportunities, which await us on every side.

First. The Board secured the contract for the publication of the Book of Worship, and it has been published at a reduction in price to our people of about 25 per cent. below the former prices at which the book was sold, and we have paid a royalty to the Common Service Committee,

and to the Board as well. On the cloth book the Board decided to waive its royalty, and reduce the price to the purchaser, and it has been sold at 35 cents a copy, and out of this, the Common Service Committee has been paid a royalty of 3½ cents per copy. On all other books, the Board has been paid a royalty of 5 cents per copy. We began the sale of the books in October, 1898, and up to the first of May, 1900, we had sold 2,434 copies, and have paid the Common Service Committee, $106.52.

Second. The Southern Lutheran was turned over to the Board, and a commission of 5 per cent. of the gross receipts was given to the Board. In addition to this ten copies of the paper have been sent free to each mission of the United Synod.

Third. I made arrangements with the Elbert H. Aull Company, who own a printing establishment in Newberry, S. C., to pay to the Board a commission of 5 per cent. on the gross amounts received from any printing which it obtained through the influence of the Board, or me as superintendent.

Fourth. These have been our sources of income, and up to the first of May, 1900, when my report was closed, there was to the credit of the Board, the sum of $75.69 See report hereto attached.

Fifth. We have not undertaken the publication of any books, because it requires money and financial risk, to do this. We did print a little book of Poems, for Dr. E. A. Wingard, of Columbia, S. C., but it was printed for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of which Dr. Wingard is Pastor, for a specified sum. We have just printed a book for Dr. Peery, (Lutherans in Japan), but I have assumed personally, the financial responsibility for it, and the Board will receive its usual commission, after the cost of publication has been paid, and the balance is to go, by direction of Dr. Peery, to the Board of Missions. If the edition is promptly sold, the Board of Missions will receive about $500.

Sixth. These statements cover, as briefly as I can state them, the operations of the Board, through me, as its superintendent, for the past two years.

Seventh. I have given my time and service without compensation, in the hope that we might be able to show to the Church in the South, the almost absolute importance and necessity of having on a firm and substantial basis, its own publication House, which is entirely practicable, but possible only on condition of a unification of our different publication interests, and a concentration of our efforts.

I have attended, on my own expense, as many of the Conventions of our District Synods as I could, and endeavored to arouse the Church to its duty in this matter. Many times I have been discouraged, and made to feel that the efforts of the Board, in the direction of establishing our own Publication House, were not appreciated, but so firmly am I con-

vinced in my own mind, of the importance of this work, to the growth and development of our Church in the South, that I have persevered, in the hope that the Synod and the Church might be aroused to see its opportunity and duty in this matter.

We need to be more progressive and aggressive, if our Church is to accomplish the mission which lies so plainly before it.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1898.			
Aug. 23	By com. Southern Lutheran	$	1 02
	" Southern Lutheran		1 49
	" Southern Lutheran		1 12
	" Southern Lutheran		79
Sept. 17	" Southern Lutheran		30
Oct. 5	" W. H. & F. M. S. N. C. Synod, minutes		1 17
14	" Y. V. A. Riser		03
31	" Southern Lutheran		41
Nov. 30	" 14 copies Book of Worship		70
30	" Southern Lutheran		55
Dec. 10	" H. A. McCullough		13
26	" H. J. Mathias		15
	" S. C. Synod, minutes		5 50
	" Ga. Synod, minutes		1 65
31	" Southern Lutheran for December		32
	" 5 Sheep B. of W		25
	" 2 Arabesque plain		10
	" 7 Arabesque gilt		35
	" 1 English Turkey		05
	" 1 Turkey Morocco super extra gilt		05
	" 2 English Turkey comb		10
	" 2 English Calf comb		10
	" 2 Japanese Limp		10
1899.			
Jan. 31	Royalty on 25 copies B. of W.		1 25
	Com. Southern Lutheran Jan. '99		50
Feb. 28	" Southern Lutheran Feb. '99		90
	Royalty 31 copies B. of W		1 55
Mch. 31	Royalty 8 copies B. of W.		40
April 19	Royalty on Rev. R. L. Patterson		50
May 13	Com. Southern Lutheran for April, '99		70
June 16	" Southern Lutheran for May, '99		1 19
	" Minutes N. C. Synod		4 87
	" Catalogue H. N. Miller		2 70

June 30	Royalty 40 copies B. of W. April, May, and June		2 00
	" 5 " " " " " " " "		25
	com. Southern Lutheran for June		1 60
July 31	" 5 copies B. of W		25
	" Southern Lutheran July		1 43
Aug. 31	" Southern Lutheran August		86
	" 26 copies B. of W		1 30
Sep. 29	" 5 copies B. of W		25
	" Southern Lutheran for September		96
Oct. 31	" 22 copies B of W.		2 10
	" Southern Lutheran		75
Nov. 30	" Southern Lutheran		77
	" 4 copies B. of W		20
Dec. 30	" 49 copies B. of W		2 45
	" Rev. E. A. Wingard, Echoes		9 60
	" Ga. Minutes '99		1 60
	" S. C. Minutes '99		5 50
	" A. D. Haltiwanger		10
	" F. M. & M. Co		20
	" Southern Lutheran		55
1900.			
Jan. 31	" Southern Lutheran		40
	" 22 copies B. of W		1 10
Feb. 28	" 135 copies B. of W		6 75
Mar. 31	" 8 copies B. of W		40
April 30	" Southern Lutheran March and April		23
	" 62 copies B. of W		3 10
Total			$ 75 69

Respectfully submitted,

ELBERT H. AULL, *Superintendent.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and

Resolved, 2. That the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

Rev. L. A. Fox, Visiting Delegate to the General Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF VISITING DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church attended the last convention held in York, Pa. He was introduced by Rev. Dr. D. M. Gilbert, the first President of our United Synod, and was most cordially received. He heard the discussion of the report on Ministerial Acts, and was impressed with the deep desire almost unanimously felt for common forms for the whole Church as a means of greater unity. The importance attached to the presence of Dr. J. A. Seiss as delegate from the General Council is significant of the change that has taken place during the last few years. Organic union may not be so far in the future as many of us feared.

The General Synod is a representative of a form of our Church life in its practical activities that is worthy of imitation. The last convention was largely composed of conservative men, and was an able and dignified body. The Synod as a whole, while becoming more fully conscious of its inheritance from the sixteenth century, is not growing less zealous doing the work of the Lord. The most decided Confessional Lutheranism is being developed along with increasing efforts in all the operations of the Church. A delegate to this convention of our Synod was appointed, but he has not yet arrived.

L. A. FOX.

The Secretary presented the following report:

REPORT OF SECRETARY,

I beg leave to report that in accordance with the action of the former convention of this body, I had printed and distributed 2,500 copies of the Minutes. The cost of printing and distributing was $161.86. Owing to the late date at which the bill was submitted by the printers, it was impossible for me to arrange for the payment of the entire amount. Only $121.61 has been paid, leaving a balance due Messrs. Henkel & Co. of $40.25.

Respectfully submitted,
M G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, the balance due Messrs. Henkel & Co. for printing and distributing Minutes was ordered to be paid.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 3,500 copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and distributed.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to make a pro

rata apportionment among the district synods of the amount that may be needed to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes, and also to pay the balance due Messrs. Henkel & Co.

The Committee on Church Literature presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

This is pre-eminently an age of reading. The world is flooded with literature, the effect of which is not helpful, and in many cases is wholly pernicious. One of the duties of the Church is the recognition of the need of its people of a pure and helpful literature.

It is a cause for congratulation that our body does recognize this fact and by its establishment of a Board of Publication, by the publication of such books as Dr. Peery's "Lutherans in Japan" and Dr. E. A. Wingard's "Echoes and other Poems," seeks to meet this need of our people.

It is to be hoped that the possession of our own Publication Board will stimulate all of our ministers and laymen, who have the talent of authorship, to aid in this great work by personal contributions in the columns of our Church papers and by the writing of helpful books.

W. L. SEABROOK,
M. M. KINARD.
V. R. STICKLEY.
G. B. CROMER.
C. M. EFIRD.
G. H. SNARR.

The following were elected as delegates to other general bodies:

To the General Synod—Rev. L. E. Busby, principal; Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., alternate.

To the General Council—Rev. W. L. Seabrook, principal; Rev. J. A. Morehead, alternate.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to procure a seal for this body with the corporate name of this Synod encircling the following words and figures:

Organized 1886.
Incorporated 1890.

Synod adjourned to meet in business session at 8.30 to-night. Prayer by Rev. C. E. King.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Derrick.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the janitor $5 for his services during the sessions of this Synod.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions presented the following report, which was received to be considered by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to say that only two papers have been put in our hands.

1. The first is a "Memorial on a Temperance Sabbath," sent by a representative of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asking that in accordance with the plan proposed by the London Sabbath School Union we secure the observance of the fourth Sunday in November.

We desire simply to call the attention of our pastors and leave the observance to their own individual judgment.

2. The second is a most cordial invitation to this body to hold its next Convention in St. John's Church, Charleston, S C. All the Lutherans of Charleston unite in this invitation and earnestly hope that it may be accepted.

We would gratefully acknowledge this kind invitation and would recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX
L. E. BUSBY.
J. A. B. SCHERER.
J. E. COOPER.
C. D. BARRINGER.
J. M. GNANN.

Items 1, 2. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Secretary $25 for his services.

St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., was selected as the place for the next meeting, and Wednesday before the second Sunday in May, 1902, as the time.

The Committee to Prepare Blank Form for Parochial Statis-

tics offered the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FORM FOR PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

We, your Committee appointed to prepare a Form of Parochial Reports for the synods composing this body, beg leave to submit the following:

[See Statistical Report in these Minutes.]

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. BALLENTINE.
C. B. KING.
J. J. SCHERER.
J. L. DERRICK.
L. L. SMITH.
E. H. KOHN.
J. S. ELMORE.
SAMUEL BOOHER.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed and to keep on hands a sufficient number of these blank forms for the use of district synods.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

This Synod extends its cordial thanks to the Rev. W. A. Lutz and to the congregation of Augsburg Church for the numerous marked courtesies extended to this body during our enjoyment of their delightful hospitality.

The Synod further extends its hearty thanks to the people of Winston-Salem, who have contributed to our entertainment, especially to the Principal of the Salem Academy, the hotels, and to the pastors and mayor for their eloquent messages.

The Committee to Nominate a Board of Publication presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

We, your Committee to Nominate a Board of Publication present the following names:

Revs. V. R. Stickley, F. V. N. Painter, C. A. Freed, M. M. Kinard,

M. J. Epting, J. A. B. Scherer, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn, A. G. Wise, J. W. Eargle. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HORINE.
M. O. J. KREPS.
C. A. MARKS.

Rev. J. W. Horine was appointed visitor to Elizabeth College.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. S. Elmore.

NINTH SESSION

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 5 P. M.

At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon the Synod met, according to resolution, to hold a service in memory of the late Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., Vice-President of the body.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. T. Hallman, Rev. J. H. Wilson presiding.

Appropriate addresses were made by Revs. J. H. Wilson, A. G. Voigt, S. T. Hallman, J. S. Elmore, W. C. Schaeffer.

The following memoir and resolutions were presented by the Committee:

[See memoir page.]

The Synod was formally adjourned according to the usage of the Church.

I testify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Seventh Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

M. G. G. SCHERER, *Sercetary.*

REV. H. S. WINGARD, D. D.

Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., of Springfield, Ga., fell asleep in Jesus, December 1st, 1899, in the 56th year of his age. He graduated from Newberry College in class of 1870, and from the Theological Seminary, June, 1868. He served charges in Newberry, Prosperity, St. Luke's, Colony, and Pomaria, South Carolina, and finally The Bethel charge, in Georgia, of which he was Pastor at the time of his death. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Newberry College.

Whereas, our beloved Brother filled important stations in the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, as well as the United Synod of the South, being at the time of his death Vice-President of this body and President of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Peasant, Charleston, South Carolina, and

Whereas, he filled all said positions with faithfulness and signal ability, with humility and sublime faith in God. Therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we feel, that God has taken him from us, in the prime of a glorious manhood, and from a noble career in the Church of God to serve Him in the land where is no death.

Resolved, 2nd. That though we sadly miss his cheerful countenance and wise counsel here, we reverently bow to the will of our Father, knowing that heaven is all the brighter for his presence there.

Resolved, 3rd. That we tender his widow and children our profound sympathies, in this sore bereavement and commend them to the grace and love of God, which Husband and Father so ably preached to others while he lived.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SCHAEFFER.
J. S. ELMORE.
J. H. WILSON.
GEO. B. CROMER.

DIVINE SERVICES.

Wednesday—8:30 p. m. Addresses on Christian Education by Revs. J. B. Greever and R. A. Yoder.

Thursday—8:30 p. m. Addresses on Home Missions by Revs. A. G. Voigt and President Geo. B. Cromer.

Friday—8:30 p. m. Addresses on Foreign Missions by Revs. J. W. Horine and C. K. Lippard.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. H. Wilson.

Centenary Methodist—11 a. m., Rev. W. L. Seabrook; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. W. Horine.

Burkhead Methodist—11 a. m., Rev. A. R. Beck.

Grace Methodist—8:30 p. m., Rev. A. R. Beck.

Baptist—11 a. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. C. A. Freed.

Disciples—11 a. m., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. L. Derrick.

Moravian—11 a. m., Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger.

Methodist Protestant—11 a. m., Rev. M. O. J Kreps; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. A. Cromer.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORT.

Index Number.	Name of Pastor.	Date of Ordination.	Name of Pastorate.	Names of Congregations.	PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.																				
														Accessions.						Losses.				
					Number of Churches.	Number of Stations.	Enrolled Communicant Membership.	Resident Communicant Membership.	Number of Members Communing During Yr.	Resident Families Represented.	Baptized Children, not Confirmed.	Catechumens, not Confirmed.	Students for the Ministry.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Transfers from Lutheran Congregations.	Transfers from Other Denominat's.	Restorations.	Deaths.	Transfers.	Lapses and Removals.	Exclusions.
1	North Carolina Synod				35	2	8167	..	..	..	....	..	..	255	7	210	113	..	13	67	93	29	..
2	Tennessee Synod				84	..	8148	..	..	..	3634	..	..	389	25	300	94	.	4	143	45	..	2
3	South Carolina Synod				63	4	8421	..	..	..	....	..	..	417	32	215	97	..	..	175	109	..	4
4	Virginia Synod				71	18	6254	..	..	..	....	..	..	170	122	168	111	..	16	71	59	29	..
5	Southwest Virginia Synod				58	17	4275	..	..	..	....	..	..	106	33	52	35	..	..	54	40	6	..
6	Mississippi Synod				13	..	648	..	..	..	....	..	..	7	6	6	7	..	..	7	1	..	..
7	Georgia Synod				20	..	2357	..	..	..	....	..	..	94	10	64	46	..	..	36	19	..	..
8	Holston Synod				21	2	1189	..	..	..	....	..	..	99	6	46	2	..	..	34	3	18	..
	Totals				365	43	39459	..	..	..	3634	..	..	1537	241	1061	505	..	33	587	369	82	6

To fill this report out accurately and fully, will require full and accurate congregational records, and much care and work. Yet it is a solemn duty which no one dares ignore or treat lightly.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

Index Number.	Local.					Beneficence.												
	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Paid on Pastor's Salary.	Expenditures on Church, Parsonage and School Properties.	All Other Local Expenditures.	Orphan Home (Money and Gifts.)	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary.	Colleges.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical and Conference Home Missions.	United Synod. Home Missions.	United Synod. Foreign Missions.	Aged Ministers, and Ministers' Widows,	Synodical Expenses.	For Relef of the Poor, and all External Objects.	Total Beneficence.	Grand Total.
1	$178159	$5150 00	.....	.....	19679 80	$340 22	$50 00	.....	.....	$190 68	.....	$351 00	$215 40	.....	$355 61	$459 56	$2848 25	$22677 1
2	.....	.....	$8102 71	$2042 71	.....	64 04	222 75	.....	$800 60	.....	$648 56	22 17	13 65	.....	678 20	.....	4167 64	14312 86
3	263702	19448 55	.....	.....	27826 72	298 02	.....	.....	386 75	718 88	.....	446 58	331 56	$285 50	1413 30	2022 55	6551 86	34384 58
4	245906	10510 00	.....	.....	23540 44	511 45	.....	.....	.....	214 39	.....	1522 23	1669 18	.....	392 75	511 01	.....	.....
5	85200	22852 00	.....	.....	10505 70	599 14	24 69	$38 49	.....	25 68	.....	218 20	170 44	52 00	718 39	94 44	2712 70	13963 32
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	12 05	.....	28 05	3 35	.....	21 30	.....	.....	.....
7	140440	.....	.....	.....	10906 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	260 16	149 30	.....	170 78	297 72	939 63	12110 95
8	28350	1630 00	.....	.....	2088 09	38 45	51 67	21 20	.....	.....	.....	78 27	42 67	.....	54 97	33 70	369 20	2590 05
	941757	59590 55	8102 51	2042 71	94547 45	1852 32	349 11	59 69	1187 35	1162 18	648 56	2026 66	2595 55	337 50	3805 30	3419 08	17589 28	100038 92

All financial work of the congregation, including that of Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, Woman's Societies, Children's Societies, special collections, etc., must be reported under "Financial Statistics."

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

STATISTICS OF SOCIETIES.

Index Number.	Sunday Schools.						Young People's Societies.				Woman's Missionary Societies.			Children's Miss'y Soc'es.		
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From C. L. Wolf

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SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1902-04.

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PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Place—St. Matthew's and Immanuel Churches, New Market, Va.

Time—Wednesday before the second Sunday in July, 1904.

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The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., on Wednesday, May 7, 1902 at 11 o'clock, A. M., and began the exercises of its eighth regular session.

The altar service was conducted by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer after which the Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Greiner, President, from John 9:4.

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of Synod, Confessional and Communion Service conducted by Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

The Synod was then formally opened and the delegates from the district Synods were duly enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

North Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. A. G. Voigt, D. D., R. C. Holland, D. D., Chas. B. King, G. D. Bernheim, D. D., C. B. Miller, V. G. Boozer, L. E. Busby, D. D., J. Q. Wertz, and C. L. T. Fisher.

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Tennessee Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. W. A. Deaton, R. A. Yoder, D. D., J. C. Moser, D. D., Wm. L. Darr, E. H. Kohn, A. R. Beck, J. A. Cromer, and *J. Allen Arndt.

LAY—Messrs. Silas Smyre, *J. M. Arndt, *W. L. Plonk, Hon. D. F. Efird, Dr. C. O. Miller.

South Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. C. P. Boozer, J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., J. H. Wilson, J. W. Horine, S. T. Hallman, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Z. W. Bedenbaugh, M. O. J. Kreps, S. C. Ballentine, and C. E. Weltner.

LAY—Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., Wm. P. Houseal, Hon. Jno. F. Ficken, Hon. Jno. C. Seegers, Hon. J. D. Cappelman, A. H. Kohn, J. C. Swygert, C. Ehrhardt, J. W. Jenny, and Dr. E. N. Kibler.

Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. L. L. Smith, C. A. Freed, C. A. Marks, J. A. Snyder, D. D., H. Max Lentz, W. P. Huddle, and Geo. A. Riser.

LAY—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, S. R. Hoover, J. W. Eberly, and H. L. Snyder.

Southwest Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. J. B. Greiner, D. D., J. J. Scherer, D. D., L. G. M. Miller, D. D., A. Phillippi, D. D., and L. A. Fox, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. R. W. Kime, J. S. Ether.

Mississippi Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. J. L. Derrick and *L. P. Boland.

Georgia Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., J. S. Elmore, and S. S. Rahn, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. E. C. Swygert, Dr. B. T. Wise, and J. M. Gnann.

Holston Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. C. Brown Cox, and F. M. Harr.
LAY—Messrs *J. A. Henson, and *L. L. Nease.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BRETHREN OF THE UNITED SYNOD: As we rejoice under the favorable condition of our present meeting and consider, with much satisfaction, what has been done since holding our last convention, we are impressed with the fact that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." As we look to future work and plan how to do, we also bear in mind that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build."

Heartily believing that the foundation of our church is laid in the truth of God's Word, we press forward under all discouragements, and "in the morning sow our seed and in the evening withhold not our hand," confident that He, who has commenced the good work, will finish the same.

The mistakes and delays of former years should make us more thoughtful, and the success attained should strengthen us for greater effort.

Holding fresh in memory the mutual confidence and courtesy of our former sessions and praying Divine blessing upon our deliberations, let us carefully consider matters now needing our attention.

EXTENT OF OUR WORK.

A few years since, the thought and effort of the United Synod were confined chiefly to its missions, and that Board was the one active agent of the Synod; but now our work has so enlarged that not only missions but the Orphan Home, Theological Seminary, Board of Publication, Literary Institutions, Church Extension and Co-operation are claiming our attention.

As their interests are so largely in the hands of the several committees, it is important that they continue in harmony, and, in order that there may be no clash or interruption in these operations, it is suggested that an understanding be reached in the beginning of each biennium, as to the order and time when the claims of each department of our work shall be laid before the church, and that it be with the consent of each Board concerned that a man be called from the work of one to that of the other.

*Absent.

REV. SOCRATES HENKEL, D. D.

In all our Synods many valuable members have been removed by death, yet it is impossible to give them the notice they deserve, but it is here recommended that the Synod take notice of the fact that on the 20th of June, 1901, our Southern Church suffered a heavy loss in the death of Rev. Socrates Henkel, D. D., of New Market, Va. For years his influence was felt throughout our borders in the effort to strengthen the church upon its confessional basis, and he was closely identified with us in being chairman of the committee that presented the Basis of Union of the United Synod at the Diet held at Salisbury in 1884.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

For the past two years the Theological Seminary has held the chief place in our thoughts. The effort to raise $30,000 of the $50,000 endowment fund has resulted in securing nearly $23,000.

A most pleasant fact in the matter is that this sum is a free-will offering, for the people had a mind to give. The appreciation of the Synod is due Rev. Dr. Holland and the committee in charge and the several Synodical committees for their untiring devotion to the work. It is a matter of deep regret that the President of the Seminary, Rev. J. A. Morehead, was forced by ill health to retire for a time from duty, but it is, also, a matter of congratulation that a second professor was at once secured, who was so well fitted, with the remaining faculty to meet the demands of the class room.

The thanks of the Synod are due the pastors in Charleston who gave such efficient help. The necessity for such an institution and its success are shown in the fact that during the two years of its present location, twenty students have been in attendance distributed among the Synods as follows:

North Carolina	7
South Carolina	4
Tennessee	5
Southwest Virginia	2
Georgia	2

Of these the present graduating class numbers ten, who will immediately enter upon pastoral work within our bounds.

ORPHAN HOME.

The interests of the Orphan Home are pressing upon our attention, and the report of its condition will excite our hearty aid in securing for it buildings and a sufficient support. This is the one family of the United Synod and each congregation and person should be on record as helping in

its work. During the past eight years sixty-eight homeless children have been cared for and at present thirty-nine are in the Home.

MISSIONS.

No special facts relating to mission work are at hand, outside of those covered by the regular report. Several places vacant for a part of last year, are now supplied; the successful ongoing of the whole work and the brightening of church prospects in the different Synods, encourage us to extended efforts. The Synod should consider whether the necessity exists for a separate Board for the home and the foreign work.

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

An examination of the catalogues and reports of our various Literary Institutions shows that in their equipment, the character and extent of their course of study, the ability and reputation of their faculties, they are equal to any in the advantages offered for an education, and need only to be sustained to become a strong element in our success. Remove from the United Synod the men who are and have been in its work, that have been trained in our Southern Colleges, then only can we estimate their value to the church. A pleasant feature in this connection is the continued advancement in the course of study; the time given to Bible work and in some cases to the distinctive literature of the Church.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The reports that have come to us from the second meeting of the General Conference of the General Synod, General Council, and our United Synod, are very favorable as to its successful character. The fact that the subjects and the discussions went beyond methods of work and included some of the chief doctrinal questions, which were considered pleasantly and harmoniously, is a comforting assurance of a better understanding where differences once existed.

The influential standing of our representatives in that meeting is creditable to themselves and to us.

You should provide, now, for another such meeting, in case any be called.

PUBLICATION HOUSE.

Sufficient information has not been received to give advice in the work of our Publication House, but the Synod should be prompt in any means to enlarge its usefulness and extend its influence in the church.

OUR PRESENT CONDITION AS TO CONGREGATIONS.

An examination of the minutes of the different Synods for the past two years brings before us their working and spiritual state and reveals con-

ditions needing attention as well as points of strength. The report on the State of the Church is always the most important brought before a Synod for in it we see the pulsations of its spiritual life, whether weak or strong. I lay before you some points of weakness and of strength, some found in one congregation and some in another.

1. Points that need to be strengthened:

(a) Our Church institutions are not sustained by the full patronage of the Church. Cheaper rates prevailing elsewhere, induce parents to send to other schools and our young people lose much in the training and power of Church life, which may be found in our Church institutions which become embarrassed by this withheld patronage.

(b) Church literature,—papers, books, periodicals are not widely distributed in some localities. Ignorance is the bane of solid Christian life and pastors can do no more necessary work than to increase the means of Church information among their people by providing canvassers for our literature in their congregations.

(c) In many places catechetical instruction is irregular or wholly wanting. Earnest effort should always be made for the gathering of people into the Church, but they need not only to be enrolled, but to be instructed, for by that means spiritual life is to be developed. In searching for the cause of this decline in catechetical teaching in some places, we often must lay the blame in the family. Pastors cannot reach the young people whose parents are indifferent or do not require their children to attend religious instruction.

(d) The slow growth of Christian life reported in some Churches is due to the low spiritual state of the membership. We need everywhere a quickening of faith and love for where these burn in the heart, the life will be earnest to God.

2. Points of strength:

(a) Is the increase in our beneficent work over other years. The contributions to one object may not be so large as formerly but, when we consider the greater number of objects and the clear division between them we find that the liberality of the Church has increased.

(b) The women's work is showing itself of immense value in our Southern Church and their systematic methods bring before us the power of organized effort in developing a great strength which was so long disregarded.

(c) We find increased activity in Christian work. The Sunday School cause stands forward today in the Synods as never before. Many congregations which, two years ago, had no regular method for gathering funds, are now operating a financial system.

(d) The reported increased attendance at Church services in so many

places; the close attention to the Word and Sacraments; the growing interest in young people's societies, and congregations adapting themselves to a more churchly attitude towards doctrine and practice,—all these indicate a solid basis for hope and work.

SUGGESTIONS.

The following suggestions are laid before you:

(a) That the trustees of the Orphan Home be nominated and elected by the United Synod at the beginning of each biennium; they choosing their own officers and executive committee. Feeling their close connection with the United Synod, they will be impressed with increased responsibility and interest.

(b) That a Book Depository be opend in each Synod for the sale of the works of the Board of Publication, if it so desires.

(c) That a copy of the Minutes of each Synod and a catalogue of our literary institutions be sent each year to the President of the United Synod.

(d) As the records and documents of each congregation and Synod as well as the memoirs of distinguished members are often uncared for but will be valuable as historic matter, it is suggested that each Synod have an Archivarius who shall file and preserve all important papers, minutes and histories of congregations, conferences and individuals placed in his hands, as the property of the Synod. Also, that the Secretary of the United Synod secure and have bound its Minutes together with those of the former Southern General Synod and the proceedings of the preceding Diets, and file such other papers as may be of future value.

(e) That the Synod consider the advisability of accepting the *Southern Lutheran* as a Sunday School and Missionary paper. This and our Church papers are most important helps in our work, and in their regular coming they bring information and encouragement into families that are often cut off from public service or pastoral attention, and become educators of the whole Church. In this connection it is in place to suggest that the utmost care be used in the selection of Sunday School libraries and lesson helps.

A positive, substantial Christianity cannot be established by loose or indefinite outside Church teaching. We lose everything by a luke-warm Church attachment, and only by strictly denominational literature in Sunday Schools, societies and congregations can we train our people to an unmoved fidelity to the Church.

The world is calling upon the Church to be more liberal in the requirements of Christian living, but this cannot be done without endangering spiritual Church life. The distinction between strict, clearly defined and

loose doctrine, between sound and doubtful practice, confessional and individual views, must be carefully made and, in so doing we need not vague, general terms, but teaching within denominational lines.

(f) During the year a suggestion appeared in one of our Church papers, that there might be practical co-operation in mission work on the part of the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod of the South, along the lower Mississippi and the Southwest part of our territory. The importance of such work in that section and the insufficiency of our means, as to men and money, should move us to a favorable consideration of such co-operation if the opportunity comes.

Now, brethren of the Synod, I thank you most heartily for the honor,—and I received it as a very high one,—of being your President for four years.

I appreciate the patience and kindness shown me and pray that Divine wisdom may guide us in all our ways.

Fraternally,

J. B. GREINER.

The following officers were elected:

Rev. R. A. Yoder, President.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, Vice-President.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary.

Hon. C. H. Duls, Treasurer.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed from 9:30 A. M. to 2 P. M. From 4:30 to 6:30 P. M. and 8:30 P. M.

It was resolved to hear the report of the Board of Missions as the special order tomorrow morning.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Wilson.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 4:30 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. P. Huddle.

Rev. R. E. McDaniel, Ph.D., of the Pittsburgh Synod (General Council) was received as an advisory member; and, on motion, all visiting Lutheran ministers, on presenting their names to the Secretary, will be recognized and their names

recorded.

The Treasurer's Report was received and referred to the proper committee.

On motion, Synod passed to the order fixing the place of the next regular meeting of this body, and St. Matthews and Immanuel Lutheran churches, New Market, Va., were chosen jointly as the place. The following committee was appointed to report on the time of meeting: Revs. E. H. Kohn, J. A. Snyder, J. J. Scherer, A. G. Voigt, J. H. Wilson, J. S. Elmore and F. M. Harr.

The reception of delegates from other Synods was fixed for tomorrow morning.

The following committees were appointed:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President:

1. *On President's Report*—Revs. J. H. Wilson, W. A. Deaton, J. Q. Wertz, J. A. Snyder, L. G. M. Miller, S. S. Rahn, and C. B. Cox, with Edgar Bowers.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod*—Revs. A. G. Voigt, A. R. Beck, C. P. Boozer, C. A. Marks, and Mr. Jno. A. Cline.

3. *On District Synods*—Revs. J. C. Moser, J. W. Horine, C. B. Miller, and Hon. Jno. F. Ficken.

4. *On State of the Church*—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, L. L. Smith, S. C. Ballentine, J. S. Elmore, and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

5. *Devotional Exercises*—Pastor Loci and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary*—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, M. M. Kinard, S. S. Rahn, V. Y. Boozer, C. A. Freed, and Mr. A. H. Kohn.

7. *On Literary Institutions*—Revs. R. C. Holland, J. J. Scherer, S. T. Hallman, M. O. J. Kreps, and Messrs. J. W. Eberly and C. O. Miller.

8. *On Missions*—Revs. L. A. Fox, C. B. Cox, H. Max Lentz, and R. C. Holland.

9. To Audit Treasurer's Report—Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, D. F. Efird, and Jno. F. Ficken.

10 On Letters and Petitions—Revs. E. H. Kohn, J. W. Horine, and J. D. Chappleman, Esq.

11. On Church Literature—Revs. J. A. B. Scherer, M. M. Kinard, and C. B. King.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Wilson.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 8, 9:30 A. M.

Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion, the names of all delegates elect to this convention of Synod were recorded and the absentees noted.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES FROM OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., was received as the Official Visitor from the General Council to this body. He presented the fraternal greetings of that Synod, and was cordially welcomed by the President.

Upon request, Rev. R. C. Holland responded in pleasing terms to the interesting address of Dr. Horn.

Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., fraternal delegate from the General Synod of the United States, was received. He presented the fraternal greetings of his Synod, and was cordially welcomed.

Rev. W. L. Seabrook was requested to respond to the excellent address of Dr. Dunbar, which he did in appropriate terms.

Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., field agent of the American Bible Society, was recognized and invited to address Synod at 11 A. M. tomorrow.

On motion, the special order for tomorrow morning will be the South View Orphan Home.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we are thankful for the little part our limited resources and abilities permitted us to take in co-operating with the General Council and General Synod in the North in the past; and that we hereby assure our brethren of these bodies that we are ready, without making or asking any sacrifice of principles or interest, to continue and enlarge our efforts to serve in every possible way the common interest of our dear Lutheran Church.

The report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION FROM MAY 20, 1900, TO MAY 7, 1902

At the meeting of the United Synod in Winston, N. C., May 16–20, 1900, the present Board of Missions, which had been in office since 1895, was re-elected, Rev. E. H. Kohn being substituted in place of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, and J. W. Eberly, Esq., in place of J. A. Alexander, Esq. The Board as elected is composed of the following persons: Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., L. L. Smith, W. L. Seabrook, and E. H. Kohn, and J. E. Cooper, Esq., Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, and J. W. Eberly, Esq.

During the meeting of the United Synod in Winston the members of the Board who were in attendance were entertained together, and frequent conferences on the work could therefore be held, and plans for the future were much discussed. After the election of the Board for the ensuing two years a meeting for organization was held. Rev. L. L. Smith was elected president. Mr. J. E. Cooper, who had so efficiently served as treasurer for the past four and one-half years, asked to be retired because of the press of other duties, and with deep regret the Board acceded to his request. J. W. Eberly, Esq., of Strasburg, Va., was elected Treasurer of the Board. Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., was re-elected Secretary and General Secretary. Revs. L. L. Smith and W. L. Seabrook, and Messrs. Cooper and Eberly were constituted an Executive Committee.

Since the last meeting of the United Synod three regular Board meetings have been held: one at Winston, N. C., May 19, 1900; at Shepherdstown, W. Va., August 7, 1900; and at Strasburg, Va., April 8, 1902. Meetings of the Executive Committee have been held frequently, as the needs of the work have demanded.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Our General Secretary has continued to make Atlanta, Ga., his headquarters, and in addition to his other work he has ministered to the congregation at that point. He has annually visited the district synods and the women's conventions, and when necessary he has visited the mission churches under the care of the Board. He has attended and kept a record of Board meetings, he has received the monthly reports from the home missionaries, and attended to the correspondence with them and other pastors, and he has kept in touch at all times by full correspondence and reports with the Executive Committee of the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations, adopted by the United Synod, have guided us in our work during the past two years:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. That each district synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the home and foreign work of the Board of Missions.

These recommendations have been annually most cordially endorsed by seven of the district synods. The narrative of the Board's proceedings and work herewith presented will show to what extent they have been carried out. In order to raise their proportionate amounts of the $8,000 for Home Missions and $4,500 for Foreign Missions, annually, these seven district synods have, according to the Board's request, apportioned their individual amounts among their congregations, and they have printed an itemized statement of congregational apportionments in their synodical minutes each year. Pastors have been regularly asked to make prompt collections, and our Treasurer has made monthly statements in the church papers of all money sent to him.

It is with regret that we must again report deficiencies in the amounts

expected to be raised, especially for Home Missions. It is possible that a part of the deficiency in our treasury for the past two years may have been caused by the extra and successful effort which has been made to collect money from the Church at large for the Seminary Endowment. We say this with no feeling of jealousy toward this other very worthy cause, but rather with the feeling toward our churches as expressed by the Scripture, this "ought ye to have done, but not to leave the other undone." A part of this deficiency is caused, as will be noted from the Treasurer's report, by the fact that the numerically strongest synod within our bounds has paid but a small amount of its apportionment. We refer to the Tennessee Synod, which has not gone further than simply to commend to the pastors and people of that synod the mission work of the United Synod, with the request to endeavor to raise the amounts recommended by the United Synod. This action is to be explained by the peculiar relation which exists between this synod and the United Synod, and the additional fact that this Board has not yet seen its way clear to take up any missions within the bounds of the Tennessee Synod. Negotiations looking to this end have been in progress during the past year, and it is to be hoped that some arrangement will soon be effected whereby the Board will be able to take this step.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

The Women's Conventions, representing the societies of the North and South Carolina and the Southwestern Virginia Synods, have continued to faithfully co-operate with the Board. They have each paid one-third of the salary of $1,050 annually of our foreign missionary, Rev. C. L. Brown, and they have paid about an equal amount into our treasury for Home Missions. The local societies have been vigorously kept up, and the annual conventions are a feature of the church year in these synods. Much interest is manifested in these women's conventions, excellent programs are carried out at them, and much good we believe is being done by them.

Under the direction of these conventions the missionary department of the *Lutheran Visitor* has been kept up, in which interesting reports and articles are regularly printed for general information and encouragement.

In specially mentioning the work of these organized Women's Societies and Conventions we do not wish to appear to overlook the many other noble women who are working for missions, but whose contributions do not reach us specially designated as coming from women.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

The effort to organize Children's Societies in our congregations, to aid

in the work of the United Synod's missions, has not resulted as successfully as perhaps might have been desired. Some congregations have organized Children's Societies, while in many others children are doing mission work who are not regularly organized into societies. Some money comes into our treasury from the children which is used in the general home work. In the foreign work two native helpers are supported by the children of the Southwestern Virginia and the North Carolina Synods, the societies of each Synod designating $100 a year for this object. One Sunday School of the former Synod raises about $50 a year for this purpose, which fact is mentioned simply to show what could be done if this heretofore almost unused force of our Church were properly utilized. This Board desires that the children of our Church shall be more thoroughly instructed and better organized for mission work. We are anxious that pastors shall adopt the recommendation on this subject suggested by the Board, or some other good plan, to secure their co-operation. In order to insure more interest in this matter, and larger results, the policy of designating some special point in the home field, and some special feature of the foreign work, as the "children's work," will be strongly urged on the Board to be elected at this meeting.

THE SOUTHERN LUTHERAN.

For several years past a small paper, known as the *Southern Lutheran*, has been published by individuals, largely in the interests of the young people and mission work in the South. Mr. E. H. Aull, the publisher, has for some years furnished gratuitously ten copies monthly of this paper to each of our mission congregations. At its last meeting the Board adopted a resolution of thanks for this generous act, and we herewith desire to make this public recognition of the same.

HOME MISSIONS.

As the Home Mission work of the Board is scattered within the bounds of different district synods we give herewith, for general information, the following details: The figures used are from the last reports of the missionaries, these reports being rendered monthly to the Board.

Missions in the Virginia Synod.

FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.

No material change has taken place in the affairs of this mission since our last report to this Synod. Rev. C. A. Marks has continued to serve faithfully the congregation, which now has a membership of 324 with 161 scholars in the Sunday School. The salary of $900 a year has been promptly paid in full by the congregation. The debt of $4,800 has not

been reduced, but the interest on same has been regularly paid, largely by the rent from the vacant portion of the church lot, and the balance from the treasury of the Board. The interest on the $2,500, which is owed to the Virginia Synod, is paid yearly by that synod itself. A price of $25,000 has been put upon this property by the Board, and if this amount can be secured the church lot will be sold, the debts paid off, and a new location for a church will be selected.

NORFOLK, VA.

The work in Norfolk continues in a very gratifying condition. There are at present 137 members in the congregation and 64 in the Sunday School. In the latter part of 1901, the Rev. J. E. Shenk, who had so successfully served this congregation almost from the beginning, offered his resignation, in order to accept work in another field of labor. The resignation was accepted with regret by the congregation and the Board.

The Rev. Wilber H. Riser was called to this work, and he took charge January 1, 1902. At this point the payment of the Board on salary has been decreased to $20 a month. The debt on the congregation has been reduced to less than $1,000, and it is our earnest hope that it will soon be entirely paid, so that this church may become self-sustaining.

TRINITY MISSION, RICHMOND, VA.

In accordance with the policy outlined in our report two years ago, Trinity mission has been practically abandoned, although a small Sunday School has been continued at this point up to this time. In order to satisfy the claim of $800, held against it by the Church Extension Society of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, this property was put up at auction about one year ago. It was bid in for the society for $450, and is now being offered for sale by that body.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

During the past two years there has been a net gain of 20 members in this mission, and the enrolment is now 85 members, with 102 in the Sunday School. The attendance at the church services is good and interesting, the last report showing the highest average in the history of the congregation. All current and synodical obligations, including an insurance bill of $99 and a debt on pews of $350, have been fully met, and the payment on salary has been increased. For all purposes during the past year $1,009 was raised by the congregation. The interest bearing debt of $4,000 has not been decreased, but the interest is kept paid up by the congregation. At present the Board is obligated to this mission for $40 a month on salary. In the judgment of the missionary in

charge of this work, the Rev. E. A. Shenk, the outlook is very hopeful, and the prospects for steady and constant growth are good.

Missions in Southwestern Virginia Synod.

PULASKI AND RADFORD, VA.

Rev. J. A. Huffard having resigned these missions, a call was given to Rev. P. E. Monroe, who took charge in July of 1901. Since that time he has diligently prosecuted this work and with very gratifying success. At Pulaski there are now 53 members and 94 in the Sunday School. At Radford there are only 16 members, with 24 in the Sunday School. At this latter point some funds are in hand, and a balance is still to be collected from the sale of the old church, which are to be used to purchase another lot. It is hoped that a new church property can soon be secured. The payment by the Board on salary to these two points has been at the rate of $200 a year, but after May 1 this amount will be increased $50, making the payment $250 a year.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., AND TAZEWELL, VA.

Rev. W. H. Greever having resigned this pastorate it was found impossible for some time to secure his successor. Finally a temporary arrangement was made with Rev. W. C. Seidel, who has been on the field since December, 1901. According to special arrangement with him, the supplemental payment of the Board to these points is at the rate of $200 a year. The work at Bluefield has been somewhat retarded by removals of members and adverse local conditions, but it is hoped that it will soon again strengthen. The membership is 60, and 24 in the Sunday School. At Tazewell there is a small congregation of 16 Lutherans, and at present they have but one preaching service a month. From the sale of a former church building they have $1,200 in cash and $600 subscribed as the nucleus of a lot and building fund, and it is the expectation and hope that a church property will soon be secured.

GRAHAM, VA.

Rev. C. Willis Cassell making Graham his headquarters, and supplying the congregation there, has also operated through the nearby coal region, preaching regularly at Keystone and Arlington. At the two latter places the attendance averages from 25 to 75, and at Graham there are 74 members, with 50 in the Sunday School. This congregation still worships in the Wartburg Seminary property, which is owned jointly by the congregation and the Church Extension Society of the Southwestern Virginia Synod. The work in this coal field region is difficult, and it is of necessity slow in progress, but our missionary has been diligent and

self-sacrificing in his labors. To this work the Board pays at the rate of $225 per annum.

Missions in the Holston Synod.

GREENVILLE, TENN.

Soon after the last United Synod the Rev. C. Brown Cox was secured as pastor for the Greenville mission. The conditions in this mission since our last report have not materially changed. The congregation numbers 25, with 45 in the Sunday School, and the property is still obligated for a $600 debt. Rev. Mr. Cox, while faithfully serving this congregation, has regularly preached at two other appointments, which are included in the pastorate, but are not missions. Greenville is one of the most beautiful and prosperous towns of East Tennessee, it is on the main line of the Southern Railway, and it is important that our church there should be sustained. The Board pays on the Greenville salary at the rate of $120 a year.

MORRISTOWN AND MOHAWK, TENN.

These two towns are also on the Southern Railroad. The missions here are supplied by the Rev. Noah Bible, who also preaches at one established country congregation. In the Morristown congregation there are at present only 11 members, with 20 in the Sunday School. At Mohawk there are but 10 members. The Board pays $120 annually as a supplement to the salary of the pastorate. Little progress can be noted in this work, but credit must be given to the missionary for faithfulness, and because of the importance of the location and the promise of the future, we have felt that the ground must be held.

BRISTOL, TENN.

At this point, where a few years ago an unsuccessful attempt was made to conduct a mission, there is now a better prospect of success should the work be undertaken again. Quite a number of Lutherans having moved into the city, negotiations are pending looking to a reorganization of the work, either in connection with the Holston or the Southwestern Virginia Synod. A lack of means to support a missionary, and to vigorously push the work by furnishing a church building, has been the main obstacle to an organization before this time.

Missions in the North Carolina Synod.

WINSTON, N. C.

Soon after the adjournment of the last United Synod, Rev. W. A. Lutz resigned our mission at Winston. Rev. E. L. Folk of the Virginia Synod

was called, and he served the work until March 1, 1902. At that time he relinquished the mission to return to his former pastorate in Virginia. During the time he was in Winston Rev. Mr. Folk did faithful work, endeared himself to the congregation, and made many friends in the community.

An earnest effort is being made to secure a pastor for this mission, and the Board has agreed to supplement the salary by a payment of $300 for the present. A debt of about $600 still rests as an obligation upon this congregation. The membership is now 78, with 58 in the Sunday School.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Owing to the removal of prominent members of the Asheville mission, the resignation of the missionary, and the lack of funds to vigorously and successfully push the work, the Board has temporarily suspended operations at this point. We have not abandoned hope that at some future time we may be able to establish a Lutheran congregation in this city, and the outlook for our church there will be carefully watched.

GREENSBORO AND LEXINGTON, N. C.

After the resignation of the Rev. P. D. Risinger no effort was made to put another missionary on this territory. An agreement was entered into with Rev. C. L. Miller of the Tennessee Synod who lives within four miles of Lexington, and who had some members of his congregations living there, to look after the interests of our Church in that town. If circumstances justify, and if the means can be secured, an effort may still be made to organize a Lutheran congregation in Lexington.

At Greensboro, where for a time the outlook seemed favorable, we have been unable to prosecute the work, largely because of a lack of Lutheran material on the ground and a lack of funds in our treasury. This town is important and growing, and we hope the day will come when an organized Lutheran congregation can be sustained there.

Missions in the Georgia Synod.

ATLANTA, GA.

The condition of things in the Atlanta mission during the last two years has not materially changed. It was earnestly hoped that by this time a church property could have been secured, but in this expectation we have been disappointed. To buy a lot and build a church in a suitable locality would require more money than has yet been paid into the special funds for this object, and at no time has the treasury of the Board been in such a condition that a special appropriation could be made. A

fund of about $600 cash, and as much more in good pledges, is held by the Board as a nucleus for a church building fund, and a subscription of nearly $1,000 is held by the congregation as the nucleus of a lot fund. Since the organization of this congregation it has raised about $2,475 for current expenses and salary. Owing to removals and other causes there has been no net increase in the congregation, which has an enrollment of 65 members, with 35 in the Sunday School. In spite of the difficulties which have been encountered in the prosecution of this work, and the long delay in getting a church home, it is our judgment and the judgment of our secretary, who has had charge of the work, that owing to the importance of the location, the effort to establish in Atlanta a Lutheran congregation in connection with the United Synod, should be prosecuted with increased vigor and concentration.

FITZGERALD, GA.

Our mission in Fitzgerald is passing through a trying experience. This work was organized and built up largely through the generosity and by the earnest effort of Rev. H. F. Long, who has been the missionary from the beginning. During the past year Rev. Mr. Long, owing to a throat trouble, has been forced to stop preaching, and for satisfactory reasons he has removed from Fitzgerald. This leaves our mission in a crippled condition. The Board has never appropriated more than $10 a month to this mission, and for this amount in addition to the very small salary which the congregation can pay since deprived of the assistance of Rev. Mr. Long, we have not been able to engage a new pastor for this work. The church property at this place, which is owned by Rev. Mr. Long, consisting of an excellent lot and small, neat church building, and which is worth easily $1,000, he is still willing to transfer to the congregation through the Board for $350, provided the same be paid before October 1, 1902. The decision of this matter will be referred to the new Board.

ALABAMA MISSION.

The mission work in Northwest Georgia, which was under the care of Rev. H. C. Grossman, with headquarters at Tallapoosa, Ga., has been at least temporarily practically abandoned by the Board. Rev. Mr. Grossman resigned and took work within the bounds of the South Carolina Synod, and a new missionary has not been appointed, because the results of the work were small, there were many discouraging features connected with it, and we had not sufficient means to further prosecute it. Whether or not this work will ever be resumed will be determined largely by circumstances, but at present the outlook is not favorable.

Missions in the Mississippi Synod.

GOODMAN, MISS.

Rev. J. L. Derrick has continued to serve the mission congregations at Goodman, Miss., and a neat church building (40x36 ft.) has been built, and was dedicated December 30, 1900. Toward the erection of this church the Board paid $200, and $15 a month has been regularly paid on the salary of the missionary, who also preaches at two neighboring country congregations. The membership at Goodman is now 20.

Nothing further in the way of missionary work has been done by the Board in Mississippi.

APPORTIONMENTS OF SYNODS AND RESPONSES.

For general information we submit the apportionments and the amounts paid by the district synods from May 20, 1900, to May 1, 1902. These apportionments are for two years, and at the rate of 25 cents a member for home missions, and on a basis of membership as specified.

HOME MISSION APPORTIONMENT.

SYNOD.	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONMENT.	PAID.
Virginia	5800	$2900	*$2677 43
Southwestern Virginia	4400	2200	1465 66
South Carolina	8400	4200	1396 59
North Carolina	7100	3550	678 50
Holston	2000	1000	200 17
Georgia	2000	1000	689 22
Tennessee	7500	3750	149 99
Mississippi	700	350	75 00
	37900	$18950	$7332 56

*Inclusive of $892.67 paid to Newport News.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF MISSIONS ORGANIZED OR AIDED BY THE BOARD SINCE 1886.

STATIONS.	MEMB'S			DEBT.		MON'Y. SAL.		REMARKS.
	Congregation.	Sunday School.	Value of Property.	Congregation.	Board.	Congregation.	Board.	
Knoxville, Tenn.....	90	101	$10000	.....	.....	.....	.....	Self-sustaining.
Augusta, Ga.....	202	113	12500	.....	.....	....	.....	Aided by S. C. Synod.
Richmond. Va.....	324	161	15000	$ 7300	.. ..	$75 00	....	Sustains own Pastor.
Norfolk, Va.....	137	68	8000	1000	.....	55 00	$20 00	
Newport News, Va...	85	102	7000	4000	.....	23 00	40 00	
Pulaski, Va.....	53	95	5500	.....	....	16 66	16 66	Paid by charge.
Radford, Va	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	
Bluefield, W. Va.	60	24	1500	.....	.....	25 00	16 66	Paid by charge.
Tazewell, Va.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.. ...	.....	.....	
Graham, Va.....	74	50	500	500	.....	10 00	18 75	Paid by charge.
Keystone, Va	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Average attendance
Arlington, Va .	.. .	50	.....	....	.....	.....		—Not counted in S. S.
Greeneville, Tenn.....	25	45	2500	600	.....	23 00	10 00	Paid by charge.
Morristown, Tenn.	11	20	2500	800	.....	10 50	10 00	
Mohawk, Tenn.....	10	.. ...	850	100	.....	.....		
Winston, N. C	78	58	15000	600	... ..	35 00	25 00	
Atlanta, Ga	65	35	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	
Fitzgerald, Ga	42	40	1000	350	.....	8 00	10 00	
Goodman, Miss	20	. ....	500	.....	.....	.....	15 00	
Total	1308	912	$82350	$15250	... ..	278 16	172 07	

SUMMARY.

The above tabulated statement shows in condensed form the operations of the Board since the organization of the United Synod in 1886. We do not print in this table the names of congregations where work has not been done this year, but where formerly the Board operated, and in some of which work may perhaps be again begun. These points are Trinity, Richmond, Bristol, Greensboro, Lexington, and the Alabama mission During the past two years 12 missionaries have been in the employ of the Board, and they have preached at 17 stations. In these congregations there are 1,308 members, and 912 Sunday School scholars, and the mission church property is valued at $82,350, with only $15,250 indebtedness. With the exception of the church at Goodman, Miss., no mission churches have been bought or built since the last report. The explanation of this is found in the fact that the income of the Board has barely sufficed to pay the salaries of a decreased number of missionaries. Church buildings are needed at once in Radford, Tazewell, and Atlanta, and if work is resumed at Greensboro, Lexington, Asheville, and Bristol, with the expectation of being successfully prosecuted, the first need will

be church buildings. If the present apportionment were raised in full it would be possible to accomplish much of the work in sight, and new work could be begun. We do not think it out of place in this connection to call attention to the fact that the primary object of this Board when first organized was to conduct missions in the home field in large cities or towns where local synods could not successfully operate by themselves. By force of circumstances the policy of the Board has been somewhat changed. Instead of operating independently of synodical mission work it has been necessary in many instances to absorb all, or almost all, of the local work. The cause of this was that synods were not, or thought they were not, able to carry on the local work, and at the same time pay the assessment to the United Synod. This has made it necessary for the Board to support a large number of missionaries, and with the meagre income at command it has been impossible to do the amount of church building which the work requires. A serious question is thus presented: If the policy of the United Synod's Mission Board in the future shall continue as at present, and if so much of the local work shall continue to be done by it, and if at the same time churches in cities must be built and aided, some method must be adopted to make the income of the Board more certain, or even to increase it.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—JAPAN.

Since our convention at Winston two years ago, the Japan mission has grown in many ways, and this report will exhibit the mission as permanently established. Three missionaries with their wives are now in the field, the native congregation at Saga established in their own church home, and promising work inaugurated at Kumamoto. In giving this report of the work, only the more important events are given, and many minor details are omitted, though of the greatest interest.

OUR THIRD MISSIONARY—REV. C. K. LIPPARD.

This brother had been called to our Japan work, and was present at the Winston convention. In our last report an account is given of that call and a biography of the missionary. After the adjournment of the United Synod, Mr. Lippard made a visitation of our churches, from the Potomac to the Gulf, going to all the more important sections in our Southern Church. He was kindly received and his message gladly heard by the people. The church was liberal in offerings given at these special services, and, after payment of all expenses, a handsome sum was turned into the treasury for the Japan work. A magnificent farewell meeting was held at Hickory, N. C., Sunday, September 9, 1900, in the presence of a large congregation in the college chapel. Addresses were made by

Mr. Lippard, Rev. L. L. Smith, President of the Board; Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., the Secretary; Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., and Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D. On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in St. Mark's church, Chicago, Mr. Lippard was married to Miss M. Emma Gerberding, daughter of Rev. Dr. Gerberding of the Chicago Seminary. Mr. Lippard and wife sailed from Seattle, October 9, 1900, and arrived in Japan, October 30, 1900. They were kindly received by the missionaries and the native Christians and soon felt at home in Japan. Mr. Lippard preached his first sermon in Japanese, Sunday evening, January 19, 1902.

THE SCHERER MEMORIAL.

The brethren who had in charge the effort to raise a fund to erect a church building in Japan in memory of Mrs. Katherine Scherer, paid into our treasury the sum of $605, which sum is held sacred for that purpose. During the coming biennium in all probability an opportunity will be given to build this memorial church, just as soon as the Board thinks it wise so to do. The reason that this fund has not already been used for this purpose is because the need had not yet arisen in our Japan work, but with the outlook at Kumamoto the Board will possibly use this fund in that city.

THE MISSION CONFERENCE.

With the arrival of Mr. Lippard in Japan, our missionaries organized a Mission Conference, for the consideration of all plans for the future of the work. This conference takes up and maturely considers all mission questions, communicating their decisions officially to the Board. The conference elected Rev. C. L. Brown, treasurer, and Rev. R. B. Peery, corresponding secretary. Mr. Brown pays all salaries and all expenses of the work with funds remitted by the Board. This is an advance movement, and puts all the business of the mission on a sound basis.

LOCATION OF THE MISSIONARIES.

It was the judgment of the missionaries soon after Rev. Mr. Lippard's arrival that Rev. Mr. Brown be located at Kumamoto and that work be inaugurated there. Dr. Peery remained at Saga, and with him Mr. Lippard. The policy of the Board has been to make Saga our chief point, and from it as a center let our influence go out in all the surrounding cities and towns. And this action is the beginning of our expansion of the work, and it is to be hoped in the near future our work may be in all the nearby places to Saga.

HOMES FOR THE WORKERS.

The Board have felt the needs, and that it was sound business policy to own the houses in which our missionaries reside. The study of the

expense account for rents, repairs, etc., in the past make it imperative, as a matter of economy as well as of comfort to our missionaries, to have parsonages in Japan. The Board early in this biennium made an effort to secure the Saga home in which Dr. Peery resides, but for satisfactory reasons growing out of the title, the transaction was not made. It is to be hoped that this property can be purchased during the next biennium, and the Board should keep that in view.

A HOUSE PURCHASED IN KUMAMOTO.

When Mr. Brown located in Kumamoto, the question of a house was to be solved. After careful examination, a house was rented at a monthly rental of 30 yen. Up to this time the houses in Saga had been rented at 12 yen per month, and the Board was impressed with the great advance. The Board gave instructions for the purchase of a house in Kumamoto, forwarding $800 for the same, when a wise purchase could be made. Early in March of this year the Board was notified that a house had been purchased for 1,540 yen. The house will need to be repaired, and the cost will be a total of about 2,300 yen. The Board congratulates the mission on this purchase and trusts the Church may speedily furnish the means to purchase houses for our other missionaries. Dr. Peery writes that "the location is excellent from a hygienic standpoint as well as from a working standpoint. We have a large lot, sufficient for yard and garden—and large lots are rare in Kumamoto." The Board has given authority for the repair and enlarging of the house at once, so Mr. Brown can occupy it in the autumn.

OUR FINANCES.

It is evident to every thoughtful person that the Church must increase her offerings to this Japan work. As an instance of the growth of expense, when the present Board went into office our contingent expenses were only $50 per month, while during this biennium this outlay has been $125 per month—an increase of $900 per year. Our three missionaries must be paid, not only their salaries, but also teachers' and health allowances, &c. Then come extraordinary expenses for house repairs, furniture, &c. A brief study of our work will show the United Synod that an increased apportionment must be made, and must be met if this work can be efficiently done. It is gratifying to the Board that the receipts have gone beyond the $4,500 per year, apportioned, and that the Church has done more for this work than was set as a standard. Yet there needs to be a quickened interest in sections of the Church where so little is done. At a Board meeting, held April 8, 1902, it was resolved that the United Synod be requested to apportion $6,500 per year among

the synods for the next biennium. The crying need is for more money to rent chapels, train a native ministry, and in many ways to develop the work along the lines of a native self-supporting church and ministry.

A FURLOUGH FOR REV. R. B. PEERY, PH. D.

Under date of June 22, 1901, Dr. Peery sent to the Board the following resolutions adopted by the Mission Conference at its meeting last spring, 1901:

"*Resolved*, 1. That whereas Dr. Peery has been constantly at work in Japan for nine years, excepting the short period of three months during which he returned to America for his wife; and, whereas, Mrs. Peery has been actively engaged in the work with him here for six years, it is our opinion that they should have a vacation.

"*Resolved*, 2. That we earnestly request the Board to allow Dr. Peery and his family a furlough next year, beginning about May 1st.

"*Resolved*, 3. That we request the Board to make known to us its decision with reference to this matter at an early date, in order that we may know what arrangements to make for the work here next year."

This request was referred to the Executive Committee, to which the answer was given that it would be referred to a full meeting of the Board, but that it was not clear to the Board for financial reasons how Dr. Peery could be returned as soon as May 1, 1902. The Board regrets its inability to quote the full correspondence on this subject for the information of the Church, being too voluminous. At the Board meeting, held April 8, 1902, in Strasburg, after reading all the correspondence and mature consideration, the following resolutions were passed:

"*Resolved*, 1. That Rev. R. B. Peery be given a furlough, beginning at the time of the 1903 summer vacation and extending to the autumn of 1904.

"*Resolved*, 2. That the salary of Dr. Peery on furlough be at the rate of $750 per annum, it being understood that while in America Dr. Peery shall be subject to the call of the Board for reasonable service in the way of visitation of synods, churches, &c.

"*Resolved*, 3. That the President be instructed to report this action to the United Synod, stating the fact that its being carried into effect is contingent upon the provision by the United Synod of the funds for this purpose."

The President of this Board wrote Dr. Peery for an estimate of the cost of his return to America. In a letter, dated March 4, 1902, he estimates the cost of tickets, with allowances for sleeper, food, and fare to Wytheville, Va., from Japan at $820 gold. By the Japanese line, which is slightly inferior, the cost will be $700 gold. The Board urges the United

Synod, in Charleston assembled, to make provision for this emergency fund.

REPORT OF THE MISSION CONFERENCE.

The following report of the mission, written by Rev. C. L. Brown, is incorporated in this report for information:

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN MISSION IN JAPAN FOR 1900-1.

GENERAL SITUATION.

Notwithstanding the widespread and bitter criticisms immediately succeeding the troubles in China, the steady progress of Christianity in Japan has been uninterrupted. The outlook for mission work in the Empire is better today than it was two years ago. Practically all opposition from government sources to the propagation of Christianity has ceased. The inconveniences experienced from being more or less under government supervision are comparatively few and do not affect the work. It would really seem that the central government at Tokyo recognizes the necessity of religion for its subjects, and is willing to encourage the propagation even of Christianity within the Empire, since recently the government has offered to pay the traveling and other necessary expenses of any priest, Christian pastor, or missionary desiring to go to the island of Formosa for purposes of religious instruction.

More than a year ago the Religious Bill was introduced in the Japanese Diet. The object of this bill was to have Christianity recognized or officially declared one of the religions of the Empire and in all respects placed on a equal footing with Buddhism. Certain Buddhist sects opposed the measure to the end, and most bitterly. There were other sects that gave it their hearty support. But the opposition was too strong, and at last the bill was defeated. It is encouraging to note that the press of the country was in favor of the bill, and that it was only after a hard fight the measure was voted down. It is confidently expected by some that such a bill will be carried in the not far distant future. It is a disputed question whether such official recognition would give Christianity any greater advantages than she now enjoys.

Buddhism has sought the distinction of being termed the State Religion of Japan; but this the government refused to grant. Shinto remains the State religion; but in return for this distinction has had to deny all claims to being a pure religion and content itself with the guardianship of ancestor worship alone.

The action of the government in the past year most affecting Christianity related to mission schools. For a time these schools were under a cloud. The unreasonable restrictions placed upon them were a serious

blow to their usefulness and threatened even their existence. But finally, after continued negotiations the government in an indirect way made it possible for all these schools to retain their character as Christian schools and still enjoy the advantages of government institutions. By employing a certain number of teachers and maintaining a certain space for drill ground all desired advantages can be obtained.

On the side of Christian work in general the year 1901 in certain ways was very remarkable. Reference is here made to the inception and prosecution of what is called the Forward Movement. As a thank-offering to God it was decided by the Japanese Christians during the first year of the new century to make a special effort to reach this nation for Christ. The majority of the missionaries co-operated in various ways with the efforts put forth. The movement had the effect of stirring up an unprecedented interest in the subject of Christianity. According to the official report 15,500 enquirers were enrolled and 1,200 persons were baptized. The best results were obtained in the North, where the population is not so conservative as in Kyushu. On the whole the movement was conservative and thoroughly evangelical, and we believe the general good done will greatly outweigh the possible evils that may result from wrong methods.

Japan as a nation continues to move toward the front. The Anglo-Japanese alliance has just been concluded, and the Japanese throughout the entire country are feasting and making merry. If there is no serious friction we are inclined to think the Alliance may have an indirect beneficial effect on the work of missions, in that it will certainly bring the Japanese and certain foreigners into more cordial relations with each other, which is very necessary in winning a man's soul for Christ.

REVIEW OF OUR OWN WORK.

Though there have been serious difficulties to contend against, the work as a whole has continued its uninterrupted progress. During the biennium ending with 1901 thirty-eight persons were baptized and admitted to the church, an increase of fifteen over the results of the last biennium.

The arrival of Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard in November, 1900, was the fulfilment of our earnest desire to have a third missionary on the field. There is little danger now of one man by accident being left alone with the entire burden of the work on his shoulders. We can now have orderly meetings and decide the mission's business in an orderly way. Mr. and Mrs. Lippard are doing faithful work on the language, and there is every indication that they will be able to do great

good for the Master in this needy field. We thank the Board for sending us this reinforcement to encourage and help us.

In December, 1900, the Saga church building, for which our Christians had worked and prayed so long, was completed and consecrated to the Lord's service. This was decidedly a step in the right direction. It is inconvenient and expensive not to have a church home of your own. It is exceedingly difficult to rent chapels that will meet the needs of the Sunday morning service. Moreover, the possession of church property gives the work a degree of stability in the eyes of the Japanese public which cannot otherwise be obtained. It should be the policy of the Board to own as far as possible at least the most important chapels.

The next change of importance was the removal of Rev. and Mrs. Brown to Kumamoto. As has been stated in the church papers Kumamoto is a large and important city of 80,000 population. Owing to the size of its population, its central location, and the presence of more than 3,000 students and about 10,000 soldiers, the importance of the city as a field for mission effort is beyond question. Our work here in the past three years has made substantial and at times very encouraging progress. From the start we have had largely to do with students, who are a constantly changing class. Hence, while there is very little to show toward the beginnings of a self-supporting congregation, we are encouraged by the fact that nine persons have been baptized and three received by letter during the past two years. The mission has long wanted to put a man in this city, and we are thankful the coming of Rev. Lippard made such a move possible.

In September, 1901, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. T. Winther left Saga and went to Kurume. We have for the present turned over that field to him. He employs his own evangelist and rents his own chapels. The work there makes encouraging progress. It is a decided gain to the general work to have a Lutheran missionary in this important and promising city.

The action most affecting the mission from the material side was the purchase of a mission home in Kumamoto. Rent in Kumamoto is double the rent in Saga. For this reason and others the Board was advised to buy and hold its own property. The money for such a purchase, $800, was sent to Japan late in 1900, but it was found impossible to buy until recently. Property in Japan has steadily appreciated for the past seven years, and can be bought under normal conditions little or no cheaper than in America. But by taking advantage of a forced sale in February last, we were enabled to get a good property for the money in hand. With some additions and repairs the house can be made as comfortable as Japanese houses will permit. The possession of this property

will save a heavy rent, give us more weight in the public eye, and enable us to avoid the nuisance and expense of frequent moving. The house itself is held by straight out purchase and the land by lease for 1,000 years.

OUR NEEDS.

We present for your most earnest and careful consideration the following:

1. Certainly our most crying need at present is an increase of Japanese workers. How to get theological students and train them for the ministry, and how to support them after we get them, are the questions now lying nearest our hearts. Our present force cannot serve us indefinitely. Changes are likely at any time to occur and deaths must come. Moreover, the expansion of the work from the native side is essential to the future growth and prosperity of the mission. Now is the time to begin the training of future evangelists, if we are to retain a working force. But the men to train are not forthcoming. We are not the only sufferers. Still, we are more affected than some other missions, and for this reason: our work is purely evangelistic. We have no schools, and wisely so. This puts us at a disadvantage, however, in finding and training workers. The young men of Japan are as ambitious as the young men of America, and they demand the best education to be had. Hence, when we find a suitable person for theological instruction, he first wants good academic training, and we want him to have it. This generally involves the expenditure of money on our part; and, to be frank, the risk of loss. Our difficulties here are great, and we earnestly request that the prayers of all interested in our Japan mission be offered to God that He raise up among us those willing to do his work.

The question of funds with which to support students and evangelists if we had them would be to us a puzzling one at present. Therefore, in order that the much needed expansion from the native side may be accomplished and the work continue to prosper, we earnestly recommend that provision be made for additional men whom, from time to time, we may be able to secure.

2. Our second most pressing need is a more liberal allowance of money for such objects as chapel rent, chapel repairs, house repairs, traveling expenses, and printing.

We sometimes must decline to rent a chapel it would be very advantageous for us to have because the rent is a dollar or two more than our present resources will allow. This is not for the best interests of our work.

We need to make certain of our chapels more attractive and comforta-

ble. Certain repairs and changes would greatly add to their usefulness and the growth of our work.

The mission has never urged strongly the necessity of building for the missionaries foreign houses. They are aware the expenditure would be too heavy for the Board to bear at the present time. But that such houses should be provided as soon as it is at all feasible, we still strongly recommend. In the meantime, however, the Board should endeavor to make our Japanese houses as comfortable and habitable as possible, that the best health of the missionaries and their families may be retained. To this end we need an increase in the amount of money available for this purpose.

A liberal expenditure for traveling expenses is necessary for the best interests of the work. Every mission in Japan provides for such expenses. They are necessary and truly a part of the mission's work as is the renting of a chapel. They are made necessary by the frequent visits of Japanese workers and missionaries to out-towns and stations for purposes of Christian work. Stop such visitations and one-third of our preaching must be abandoned. Because we were urged to cut down our current expenses we have had to give up two out-stations. This part of the work should be pressed with greater vigor, and to this end and for this purpose we ask for a more liberal allowance.

3. We are thankful for the church building in Saga, since the congregation now have a home of their own. But the pastor is not yet provided for. A small house still standing on the lot can be remodeled and made into a fairly good parsonage for $200. There are many reasons why this place should be converted into a home for the resident pastor.

4. We are convinced that the time has come for securing a church home in Kumamoto, if the money can be had. We have had to make four changes in our chapels in three years. Our present place is unsatisfactory. The location is bad and the house is too small. We have searched six months for a better house and location, but suitable places are difficult to find. Our little congregation, being composed largely of students and hence very poor and constantly changing, can do nothing toward such a purchase. We believe it would be wise to make such an investment, first, because our work here is on a sufficiently substantial basis to justify it; secondly, because our opportunities for more effectually prosecuting the work would be increased; thirdly, because constant moving and bad locations, which hinder the work, would be avoided; and fourthly, because a heavy rent would be saved.

We could not expect to build on the same proportions as at Saga. We should expect to buy a lot and build in Japanese style, or purchase an old place and remodel. The cost, including land, would be not far from $1,000.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries*	3
Wives of Missionaries	3
Native Ministers	2
Unordained helpers	3
Stations	2
Out-stations	3
Sunday Schools	3
Scholars in same	140
Baptized members	117
Converts in 1900-01	38
Native contributions	640 00 yen †
Monthly salaries of missionaries	$262 50
Monthly salaries native helpers	97 00 yen
House rents per month	58 00 yen ‡
Chapel rent	27 00 yen

APPORTIONMENTS.

Apportionment and amount paid for Foreign Missions from May 1, 1900, to May 1, 1902, being for two full years, at the rate of 15 cents per capita, on a basis of membership as specified.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

SYNODS.	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONMENT.	PAID.
Virginia	5800	$1740	$3411 61
Southwestern Virginia	4400	1300	1429 67
South Carolina	8400	2520	1662 68
North Carolina	7100	2090	1076 24
Holston	2000	600	169 80
Georgia	2000	600	422 56
Tsnnessee	7500	2250	368 25
Mississippi	700	210	10 00
Total	37900	$11310	$8550 81

BOARD OF MISSIONS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From May 1, 1900, to May 1, 1902.

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

By balance on hand at close of books, May 1, 1900	$ 336 12
By contributions in past two years	6539 59

*Besides our own missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Winther are working in connection with us, being located in Kurume.

†Yen equal to $0.50. ‡With Mr. Brown's rent 88 yen.

By Atlanta, Ga., church, towards pastor's salary	430 00
By Mississippi mission towards pastor's salary	215 00
By Bluefield mission towards pastor's salary	286 26
By Norfolk mission towards pastor's salary	1217 11
By Newport News mission towards pastor's salary	408 40
By Morristown and Sinking Creek missions towards pas. sal	141 16
By Graham and Keystone missions towards pastor's salary	350 37
By Fitzgerald mission towards pastor's salary	42 00
By Asheville mission towards pastor's salary	2 80
By Alabama mission towards pastor's salary	105 56
By Winstou mission towards pastor's salary	335 42
By Greenevile mission towards pastor's salary	163 17
By Pulaski and Radford missions towards pastor's salary	336 05
	$10,909 01

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To Atlanta, Ga., ¾ salary Rev. L. K. Probst as pastor and Secretary of Board	$ 1725 00
To Mississippi mission—pastor's salary	560 00
To Bluefield, W. Va.—pastor's salary	552 90
To Norfolk, Va., church—pastor's salary	1817 11
To Newport News, Va., church—pastor's salary	1301 72
To Morristown and Sinking Creek missions—pastor's salary	371 16
To Graham and Keystone missions—pastor's salary	780 87
To Fitzgerald, Ga., church—pustor's salary	212 00
To Asheville, N. C., church—pastor's salary	77 80
To Alabama mission—pastor's salary	195 56
To Winston, N. C., church—pastor's salary	825 44
To Greeneville, Tenn., church— pastor's salary	343 17
To Pulaski and Radford, Va,—pastor's salary	585 99
To Rev. J. L. Derrick for church	200 00
To interest on Richmond debt	98 10
To ¾ of all current expenses, including the traveling expenses of President and Secretary to Board meetings, synods, and mission points, railroad fare (in part) of members of Board to its meetings, missionary literature, and reports, stationery, etc.	290 35
Balance in treasury, May 1, 1902	971 84
	$10,909 01

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

By balance on hand at closing of books, May 1, 1900	$	953 37
By amt. for Scherer Memorial church		605 00
By amt. from Virginia Synod on its special pledges to return Newport News loan		892 67
By contributions in past two years, which include all regular contributions from synods, missionary societies, and Sunday Schools, and all special contributions from all sources for the education and support of native ministers and helpers, rentals of chapels, and purchases of literature. This item includes also the collections of $291.43 by Rev. C. K. Lippard in his visits to the churches in America		9422 42
		$11,873 46

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To ¼ salary of Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	$	575 00
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. R. B. Peery, paid to July 1, 1902		2200 00
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. C. L. Brown, paid to July 1, 1902		2200 00
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. C. K. Lippard, paid to July 1, 1902		2178 75
To the outfit and traveling expenses of Rev. C. K. Lippard, in America and to Japan		650 00
To amt. forwarded sor Kumamoto house, purchased for the mission		800 00
To salaries and educational allowances far native ministers, evangelists, and students, rentals of chapels and dwellings: house repairs, furniture, traveling expenses, insurance and taxes in Japan to July 1, 1902		3056 63
To ¼ of the current expenses in the administration of the Board in America		134 66
Balance in treasury		78 42
		$11,873 46

ASSETS.

Note of Richmond mission	$	1000 00
Mortgage on Trinity church, Augusta, Ga		2500 00
Mortgage on St. John's church, Knoxville, Tenn		4000 00

Mortgage on Augsburg church, Winston, N. C	4000 00
Mortgage on 1st church, Norfolk, Va	3000 00
Mortgage on Reformation church, Greeneville, Tenn	300 00
Deed for Fitzgerald, Ga., lot	50 00
Mortgage on Trinity church, Newport News	2000 00
City Charleston, S. C., 4 per cent. bonds (due Atlanta Fund) par value	600 00
Mortgage on Goodman church, Miss	200 00

J. W. EBERLY, TREASURER.

RESUME—PROGRESS.

This biennium closes with our Japan mission hopeful and promising. The two years have seen the work permanently established in the organization of the native church at Suga with a church home and the purchase of property in Kumamoto. This adds greatly to the material side of our mission. Then we have $605 for the Scherer memorial as soon as it can be wisely expended. The parochial table exhibits the fact that the Lord blesses our mission and that good is being done. This after all is why we are in Japan—to save men. Let the Church not only give to this great work, but let her prayers ascend to the great Head of the Church for his richest blessing on our mission and all our workers in Japan.

OUR NEEDS.

The report from Japan tells of our needs—more consecration and more money for this work. On the earthly, material side the next biennium should witness the Scherer Memorial erected and comfortable homes for our missionaries owned by the Board. The inner life of the mission should be developed along the lines of a native church and ministry and this church should be taught the great lesson of self-support.

The home Church should give the Board more money to use in this great work. We have this work—we have brethren in Japan—let us give them the money ample and abundant to enter every open door of opportunity.

The great need is a native ministry and native workers, and to this end there should be money to use in preparing consecrated young converts for the work of the ministry. The mission must have in view the training of its own ministry.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are made by the Board for the approval of this body.

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $6,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be especially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whitsunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

CONCLUSION.

This report for the biennium is submitted with a feeling that the Church has not supported our Home and Foreign work as she should. The Board has been handicapped from the lack of means. Much more could have been done with adequate resources with which to do the work. It is to be hoped that the Church will set herself heartily and earnestly to the great mission work which our Lord has given us to do. Our responsibility is great because we as a Church have great privileges.

NOTE—At the meeting of the North Carolina Synod, on May 1st, it was reported that about $1500 could be raised in Lexington toward the erection of a church, and the North Carolina Synod has pledged $550 for the purchase of a lot when this board in consultation with committees from the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods shall decide that the time has come to take advanced steps for the prosecution of this work.

Since report was adopted the North Carolina Synod has paid $179.35 additional for Foreign Missions.

Since report was adopted the North Carolina Synod has paid $143.10 into the treasury additional.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.
W. L. SEABROOK.
L. G. M. MILLER.
E. H. KOHN.
G. M. BELTZHOOVER.
J. E. COOPER.
J. W. EBERLY.

Charleston, S. C., May 7, 1902.

The committee on Treasurer's account rendered the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, respectfully report that they have found them correct, all payments being evidenced by proper vouchers.

GEO. B. CROMER.
D. F. EFIRD.
JNO. F. FICKEN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. DULS, Treasurer, In Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

1900.		Dr.	
May	17	To balance in hands Treasurer, per last report (see p. 59 last Minutes)	$ 00
	27	Received of E. H. Aull, per committee, royalty (see pp. 64, 69, 71 and 99 of last Minutes)	106 52
	27	Received of W. J. Duffie, per committee, royalty (pp. 63 and 71 of last Minutes)	11 65
July	26	Received of L. S. Walker, Treasurer, Virginia Synod, Quota for Min. (see page 102)	45 18
	26	Received of Jas. D. Heilig, Treasurer, N. C. Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	59 00
	30	Received of J. C. DuBard, Treas. Miss. Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	4 67
	30	Received of E. L. Greever, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	30 88
Aug.	20	Received of Treas. of Georgia Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	17 02
Dec.	12	Received of W. H. Greer, Holston Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	8 56
	21	Received of A. H. Kohn, Treas. of South Carolina Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	60 00
	21	Received of E. H. Aull, Supt. Lutheran Publication Board, Royalty (p. 99)	75 00
		Total	$418 48

1900.		Cr.	
May	21	P'd Cleb Dalton, janitor (see p. 104, last Minutes)	$ 5 00
June	19	P'd Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. (pp. 65 and 71 last Min.).	46 46
	19	P'd Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Sec. (p. 104 last Minutes	25 00
	19	P'd E. H. Aull (pp. 64 and 71 last Minutes	9 88

July 13	P'd Henkel & Co. on account (p. 102 last Minutes . .	30 00
Sept. 19	P'd E. H. Aull (p. 102 last Minutes)	130 00
Dec. 21	P'd E. H. Aull, Supt. (p. 102 last Minutes	144 90
1902.		
April 21	P'd Henkel & Co. Balance in full on '98 Minutes (p. 102 last Minutes	10 25
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	16 99
		$418 48

Balance in hands of Treasurer brought down $16 99

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DULS, *Treasurer.*

May 7th, 1902.

The following was adopted fixing the time of the next meeting of Synod:

THE COMMITTEE ON TIME OF NEXT SESSION OF UNITED SYNOD.

We, your Committee on Time for the Next Session of United Synod, has selected Wednesday before the second Sunday in July, 1904.

E. H. KOHN, CHAIRMAN,

For Committee.

The Committee on Church Literature rendered the following report which was considered by items and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE

1. It is doubtful whether the United Synod can be called upon to consider any question that is of greater practical importance than that of Church Literature. The Synod has given full recognition to this fact by the nominate establishment of a board of publication. It is to be regretted that this Board has met with only a moderate measure of success. The Board did a commendable work in publishing "Lutherans in Japan." Perhaps it is not generally known that quantities of this interesting book remain unsold, although offered at the low price of fifty cents a copy.

2. Your Committee, representing a widespread opinion, feels it a duty to call attention to the inferior paper and binding used in the high-priced editions of the Book of Worship.

3. We warmly commend the present literary management of The Southern Lutheran. This paper has a distinct and permanent field as a Sunday School and missionary journal. Recently it has appeared with regularity. We believe that the circulation can be greatly increased if the Church is assured that this regularity shall continue.

4. We deem it of great importance that no effort be neglected for the coalition of The Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper in one strong journal; and trust that the committee appointed at Staunton and continued at Winston may report progress at this meeting.

5. We recommend the appointment of a permanent committee on Sunday School Literature, looking towards the eventual attainment of a true Lutheran supply that will be acceptable to all our English-speaking people.

6. We recommend that the district synods, through their conferences, devise ways and means, for the general dissemination of Lutheran literature among our people.

7. We call favorable attention to Bernheim's and Cox's "History of the North Carolina Synod," and to other work of a general nature done by Southern Lutherans.

JAMES A. B. SCHERER.
M. M. KINARD.
C. B. KING.

Under item 5 the following committee was appointed: Revs. J. A. B. Scherer, J. C. Moser, L. A. Fox, R. C. Holland, and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

The report of the Board of Publication was made and adopted as follows:

Rev. V. R. Stickley, Chairman Lutheran Publication Board,

I beg herewith to submit my second report as your Superintendent:

1. I have been very much discouraged in an effort to accomplish anything so long as the publication interests of the church are so much divided and with so little encouragement from the pastors and people of the United Synod and with little prospect of getting them together. But for the fact that I was under contract with the Common Service Committee for the publication of the Book of Worship I think I should have given the whole matter up entirely, and yet it is but natural that we should have discouragments and difficulties, and if we expect to accomplish anything we must be prepared to meet and overcome them. Many great and successful enterprises have had much smaller beginnings. The short term of the contract (2 years) operates against the interest of the church.

2. The sales of the Book of Worship are about the same as they have been, though not quite as large as they were, especially in the cloth, but this, no doubt, is accounted for by the fact that many congregations supplied themselves when the cheap book first came out.

3. I carried with me to the first meeting of the United Synod the first

sample copies of Rev. R. B. Peery's "Lutherans in Japan." The book was written by Dr. Peery for the purpose of giving to the Lutherans of the United Synod just the information which he thought would prove of greatest interest and of greatest help to them, with the hope that it would result in a greater interest and activity in behalf of our foreign work in Japan. So he gave his work free for the sake of the cause. The Publication Board accepted the book for publication with the same purpose and hope, all receipts above cost of publication and sale going to the treasury of the Mission Board. Those interested in the work in Japan, who have read the book have found it most interesting and helpful. But of an edition of 2,000 not more than 150 copies have been sold. Why this is so your Superintendent can not understand nor can those who are best acquainted with the book and the need which it supplies. At first the price was $1.00, but it has since been reduced to 50c, and yet there is no demand for the book. The people are indifferent about the claims of the foreign work because they lack the information this book gives, yet practically no effort is made to give it to them. Why?

4. The publication of the Southern Lutheran has been continued since the last meeting of the United Synod. It has been enlarged, the form has been changed and it has been otherwise improved. Soon after the meeting of the United Synod at Winston, Rev. W. H. Greever became editor, Dr. Hallman having resigned. A Children's Missionary Department has been added to the paper recently, of which Mrs. E. C. Cronk has charge, and we are making an earnest effort to furnish the paper which our Sunday Schools and Chrildren's Societies need. Our circulation is good, but it is far from what it ought to be. We must again remind those who wish such a paper, and a better one, that they are the ones to help make it what it should be. In this work, as in everything else, success depends upon co-operation.

5. The financial statement follows. I have no recommendations to make or suggestions to offer.

Commissions Book of Worship, 373 copies	$18 65
Commissions printing and Southern Lutheran	40 00
Total	$58 65

Respectfully submitted,
ELBERT H. AULL, *Superintendent.*

Your Board would submit the following as their second biennial report:

1. The operations of the Board have been necessarily circumscribed. The Superintendent has continued the publication of the Book of Worship and The Southern Lutheran. Other printing has been done which has been a source of small income.

If our publication interests could be concentrated there is no reason why the operations of the Board should not be a source of considerable income to the Synod and at the same time be an important factor in the progress and development of our Church work in the South. As it is we contribute largely each year to the work of the Church, (to the mission and other work of the churches) in other sections.

As will appear from the report of the Superintendent the history of our work in Japan by Dr. Peery, which was published by our Board, has had practically no sale and our pastors and people have taken comparatively no interest in it. Why it is so we can not understand, for it is certainly a book which should commend itself to the members of the United Synod.

The plan we submitted two years ago for the union of our Church papers and the publication of one paper was considered by the Synod "as impracticable," and the committee "on the consolidation of the Church papers" was continued and "kindly requested to continue their efforts along their own lines." This committee has been continued for several years, and it is earnestly hoped that they will have some practical plan to present at this meeting, and that they may be able to take up also the other publication inrerests of the Church. The Board of Publication will not stand in the way of any forward movement which they may present, but will be glad to give hearty co-operation.

ORGANIZATION.

2. The Board of Publication met in Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., May 19, 1900, and was organized by the election of Rev. V. K. Stickley, Chairman; A. H. Kohn, Secretary, and the contract with the Superintendent was continued for the next biennium.

3. The report of the Superintendent is herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

A. H. KOHN, SECRETARY,
For Committee.

REV. V. R. STICKLEY,
REV. F. V. N. PAINTER,
REV. C. A. FREED,
REV. M. M. KINARD,
REV. M. J. EPTING.
REV. J. A. B. SCHERER,
A. H KOHN,
A. G. WISE,
DR. J. W. EARGLE,
Committee.

The following committee was appointed to nominate Board of Publication: Revs. A. G. Voigt, M. O. J. Kreps, Wm. L. Darr, W. P. Huddle, A. Phillippi, J. S. Elmore, and J. L. Derrick.

The following report on General Conference was made, considered by items and adopted:

REPORT ON THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Second general Conference of Lutherans provided for by the joint action of the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod was held in Philadelphia, Pa., April 1-3, 1902. The committee consisting of Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., for the General Council, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., for the General Synod, and Rev. L. L. Smith for the United Synod, arranged the programme, which was made up of doctrinal and practical subjects of great interest. The essayists from our Southern Luthern Church were Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of the Southwest Virginia Synod, Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., of the Tennessee Synod, Rev. L. E. Busby, D. D., of the North Carolina Synod, and Rev. W. L. Seabrook, of the South Carolina Synod, and their papers were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the conference. The conference was largely attended and was a notable gathering of Lutherans.

The following action was taken by the conference:

Resolved, That we, as a convention, make known to the three general bodies, by whose authority this conference was called, the desirability of holding another convention of a similar character in the future.

The following recommendations are made:

1. That the United Synod expresses its hearty approval of the recent Second General Conference of Lutherans, and its confidence that the results thereof will be most beneficial, as tending to the better understanding, fraternity, and unification of Lutherans.

2. That a representative of this body be appointed to arrange for a third conference at such time and place as the joint committee may suggest.

3. That said representative with the presidents ot the District Synods be appointed a finance committee to raise the necessary funds.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH, Member of the Joint Committee.

Under item 2 of recommendations, Rev. L. L. Smith was appointed as the representative of this Synod.

Synod adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. C. Moser.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 8, 4.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. M. M. Kinard.

The following report was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, met in its Twenty-eighth Convention in St. Paul's Church, Lima, Ohio, October 10–15, 1901.

It is with extreme regret that I am compelled to report my inability to attend the sessions of the General Council. On behalf of the United Synod, however, I conveyed to that body the greeting of the United Synod and my report in writing, which by the courtesy of that body, was printed in the minutes of the General Council.

That report was in part as follows:

"The regret of the United Synod as a body will be greater even than my own at my inability to convey these greetings in person."

"Of one blood. of one faith, our hearts' dasire is for closest fellowship and co-operation. We have recognized the value of the interchange of personal representatives as a means toward the end which we mutually desire.

"I think I speak for the United Synod when I say that the suggestion that the extreme territory of the Southlaud might afford an opportunity for practical co-operation on the part of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod of the South, meets with hearty approval on our part, and that the United Synod will be found ready whenever it shall be deemed possible to put such plan into effect. I make this statement after conference with the President of the United Synod and the President and Executive Committee of our Board of Missions, and others." * * *

"If it should prove possible for the General Council and the General Synod to co-operate with us—such co-operation will meet with glad response on our part."

This body has already heard the report of Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., bearing to us the greetings of the General Council. Consequently no extended statement of the work of that body is herein necessary.

W. L. SEABROOK.

On motion, Revs. C. A. Freed, J. H. Wilson and Mr. R. W. Kime were constituted a committee to nominate delegates to the General Council and General Synod.

The report of committee on Church Literature was taken up, and, on motion, item 5th was re-considered, amended and adopted.

The report of committee on Letters and Petitions was received, considered by items and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

1. A communication has been received from the Rev. J. B. Greever, containing statements of a personal nature. Your committee recommends that there be no action on this communication, inasmuch as it does not come within the jurisdiction of this Synod.

2. A communication has been received from the young men's society of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, this city, inviting the clerical and lay members of this Synod to attend the exercises connected with the unveiling of a monument over the grave of the late Rev. L. Muller, D. D., for fifty years pastor of St. Matthew's church. The unvieling will take place tomorrow, Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in Bethany cemetery. Your committee recommends,

That this invitation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. KOHN.
J. W. HORINE.
J. D. CAPPELMANN.

The committee on Common Service reported. Report was considered by items and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your Committee presents for your consideration a report of its work during the past two years under three heads, viz: 1. Publication of Book of Worship. 2. The Common Book of Service. 3. Co-operation and Arbitration.

1. PUBLICATION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

The committee renewed its former contract with Elbert H. Aull, Esq., representing the Board of Publication of the United Synod, for the publication of the Book of Worship.

The following are the different styles of bindings and sizes of the book, and the prices at which the same retail and the royalty payable to the United Synod, according to said contract:

	Retail.	Royalty.
Cloth	$ 35	$ 03½
Sheep	50	05
Dark Arabesque	60	06
Arabesque gilt	75	07½
English Turkey, extra gilt	1 50	10
Turkey Morocco, super extra gilt	2 50	10
Turkey Antique	3 00	10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey (2 vols.), round corners	$2 50	$ 10
English Calf, loose limp, red under gold edges (2 vols.) round corners	4 00	10
Japanese Limp, round corners (2 vols.)	2 00	10
Pulpit Size.		
Dark Arabesque	$1 25	$ 10
Arabesque, gilt edge	1 50	10
English Turkey	2 25	10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey (2 vols.)	$4 00	$ 10
Arabesque Gilt (2 vols.)	2 50	10
Japanse Limp (2 vols.)	3 00	10

The publisher obligated himself that the paper and binding of the several editions should not be inferior in any particular to the editions of the book heretofore published and sold. The contract also provides that whatever books are on hand at its expiration may be taken by the committee at the cost of manufacturing them, or may by its consent, be sold by the publisher at the prices stipulated in the contract until they are disposed of.

From the account of sales of the Book of Worship, appeuded to this report, it will be seen that there is an income to the United Synod on royalty of $76.41, for which amount we have received Mr. Aull's check.

We bring to your notice that the renewal of the contract of the committee with Mr. Aull, Superintendent of the Board of Publication, expires with this meeting of Synod. Steps should be taken at this convention for the further publication of the Book of Worship.

We are informed by the publisher of the Book of Worship that there is scarcely any demand for certain styles of binding. Sixteen styles of

binding (the number we now have) appear to us to be more than there is need for.

There has also been some demand for the Common Service separate from the hymns. There has also been some demand for a book with music. We appreciate the desire out of which this demand springs. We realize the increased value that an edition with suitable music would give to our book. But we do not think it is expedient to enter upon so great an undertaking at this time in view of the Common Book we are hoping for, and therefore make no recommendation in regard to the matter.

At its last convention the committee was instructed to add a supplement of forty or fifty hymns and a topical index to the Book of Worship, if this was found practicable, and also to publish said supplement and index in separate form.

The committee has not found it practicable to carry out these instructions. A selection of additional hymns was made by the committee and the preparation of a topical index was begun. But when the practical problem of printing and binding this additional matter was taken up, it was found not easy to solve. In the first place it would have made a change necessary in the price of the book. Secondly, the additional matter would have been bound only in the books made up since the last meeting of this body; that is to say, in but a comparatively small number of copies, which came into use in the congregations. Thirdly, the issuing of a separate form if this additional matter would have been virtually another book, the cost of which would hardly justify its existence for mere temporary and necessarily limited use. Nor is there any money available for such a book. In short our negotiations on this undertaking led to no result. You may be inclined to censure the committee for not executing your instructions. But our failure in the matter must be explained, not because we were disobedient, but because in our judgment the scheme was not practicable.

We make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the committee be authorized to discontinue any style of binding, for which there is not sufficient demand.

2. We recommend that the committee be authorized to issue the Common Service separately, acco rding to their discretion.

3. A request has come from a conference of one of the district synods for the printing of the common text of Luther's Catechism, prepared by the Joint Committee on Common Service and adopted by this Synod at its last convention, separately in cheap form. We recommend that the committee be authorized to do this.

II. THE COMMON BOOK OF SERVICE.

The Common Book of Worship for the English speaking Lutherans of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod has advanced a great stride, although still far from the goal. Meetings of a committee, scattered over so large a territory as the Joint Committee is, will necessarily be few and far between. Your committee was represented in the meeting held in Philadelphia last month. The state of the work is this: Orders for baptism of infants and of adults and for confirmation have been considered and provisionally adopted. Sub-committees have been instructed to present drafts of other orders. The hymnal is assuming definite shape. Several hundreds of hymns have been selected, and minute criticism of the text of many of these has been made.

III. CO-OPERATION AND ARBITRATION.

There is nothing for this committee to report on this line of work. All that should be brought before Synod on this subject has already been presented in the report of the representative of this body, that arranged for the second General Conference of Lutherans, and has already been disposed of.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
L. A. FOX.
R. C. HOLLAND.

E. H. AULL, Superintendent, In Account with Common Service Committee of the United Synod:

1900.

May	31—By royalty on	36 copies Cloth	$	1 26		
	"	4 copies Sheep . . .		20		
	"	5 copies Arabesque Plain .		30		
	"	3 copies Arabesque Gilt . .		22½		
	"	1 copy Jap. Limp comb . .		10		
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. comb .		10	—$2	18½
June	30—By royalty on	18 copies Cloth		63	—	63
July	31—By royalty on	8 copies Cloth		28		
	"	1 copy Arabesque Gilt . .		07½		
	"	1 copy Turk. Antique . .		10	—	45½
Aug.	31—By royalty on	1 copy Japanese Limp . .		10		
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. comb .		10	—	20
Sept.	30—By royalty on	1 copy Sheep		05	—	05
Oct.	30—By royalty on	90 copies Cloth		3 15		
	"	1 copy Arabesque plain . .		06		

	"	1 copy Arabesque gilt . .	07½	
	"	1 copy Ara. plain, pulpit .	10	
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	
	"	3 copies Eng. Turk. comb .	30	— 3 78½
Nov.	30—By royalty on 29 copies Cloth		1 01½	
	"	1 copy Sheep	05	
	"	5 copies Eng. Turk. comb .	50	
	"	2 copies Eng. Calf comb .	20	
	"	6 copies Jap. Limp. comb .	60	
	"	2 copies Eng. Turk. pulpit	20	— 2 50½
Dec.	31—By royalty on 86 copies Cloth		3 01	
	"	9 copies Sheep	45	
	"	6 copies Ara. plain . . .	36	
	"	26 copies Ara. gilt	1 95	
	"	3 copies Eng. Turk. ex. glt.	30	
	"	1 copy Turk. Morocco . .	10	
	"	2 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	20	
	"	6 copies Eng. Calf, comb ·	60	
	"	1 copy Jap. Limp, comb. .	10	
	"	5 copies Ara. plain, pulpit	50	
	"	4 copies Ara. gilt, pulpit .	40	
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pul. comb.	10	— 8 07
1901.				
Jan.	31—By royalty on 62 copies Cloth		2 17	
	"	1 copy Arabesque plain . .	06	
	"	2 copies Arabesque gilt . .	15	
	"	1 copy Ara. plain, pulpit .	10	— 2 48
Feb.	28—By royalty on 80 copies Cloth		2 80	
	"	5 copies Ara. plain . . .	30	
	"	1 copy Arabesque gilt . .	07½	
	"	1 copy Turk. Morocco . .	10	— 3 27½
Mar.	31—By royalty on 42 copies Cloth		1 47	
	"	7 copies Sheep	35	
	"	13 copies Arabesque gilt .	97½	
	"	4 copies En. Tur. sup. ex. g.	40	
	"	1 copy Eng. Calf, comb .	10	
	"	7 copies Ara. plain, pulpit .	70	
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	
	"	12 copies Jap. Lp. pul. 2 vls.	1 20	
	"	13 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	1 30	
	"	8 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	80	— 7 30½
Apr.	30—By royalty on 59 copies Cloth		2 06½	

	"	9 copies Ara. gilt	67½		
	"	2 copies En. Tur. ex. gilt .	20		
	"	1 copy Tur. Mr. sup. ex. g.	10		
Apr. 30—	By royalty on	1 copy En. Turk. comb. .	10		
	"	3 copies Jap. Limp	30		
	"	2 copies Eng. Turk. pulpit	20		
	"	5 copies Eng. Tur. ex. gilt	50	— 4	14
May 31—	By royalty on	50 copies Cloth	1 75		
	"	3 copies Sheep . . .	15		
	"	7 copies Ara. gilt	52½		
	"	1 copy Eng. Tur. comb . .	10		
	"	1 copy Jap. Limp	10		
	"	1 copy Ara. plain, pulpit .	10	— 2	72½
June 30—	By royalty on	113 copies Cloth	3 95½		
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. comb .	10		
	"	1 copy Jap. Limp	10		
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	— 4	25½
July 30—	By royalty on	57 copies Cloth . . .	1 99½		
	"	2 copies Sheep	10		
	"	2 copies Ara. plain	12		
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk., pulpit	10		
	"	2 copies En. Tur. ex. g. . .	20	— 2	51½
Aug. 31—	By royalty on	60 copies Cloth	2 10		
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk., comb .	10		
	"	1 copy Dark Ara., pulpit .	10		
	"	2 copies Ara. gilt, pulpit .	20	— 2	50
Sept. 30—	By royalty on	42 copies Cloth	1 47		
	"	2 copies Ara. plain	12		
	"	2 copies Ara. gilt	15	— 1	74
Oct. 30—	By royalty on	1 copy Sheep	05		
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt	07½		
	"	1 copy Eng. Tur. comb. .	10		
	"	2 copies Dark Ara. pulpit .	20	—	42½
Nov. 30—	By royalty on	100 copies Cloth	3 50		
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	— 3	60
Dec. 30—	By royalty on	104 copies Cloth	3 64		
	"	6 copies Sheep	30		
	"	2 copies Ara. plain	12		
	"	10 copies En. Tur. ex. gilt .	1 00		
	"	2 copies Tur. Mor. s. e. g .	20		
	"	16 copies En. Turk. comb .	1 60		
	"	10 copies Jap. Limp . . .	1 00		

	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk., pulpit .	10	
	"	1 copy En. Tur. pul. comb.	10	— 8 16
1902.				
Jan.	30—By royalty on	7 copies Cloth	24½	
	"	2 copies Sheep	10	
	"	5 copies Ara. plain	30	
	"	1 copy Eng. Calf, comb .	10	
	"	2 copies Ara. plain, pulpit	20	
	"	1 copy Jap. Lmp, pul. cmb.	10	— 1 04½
Feb.	28—By royalty on	100 copies Cloth	3 50	
	"	2 copies Sheep	10	
	"	5 copies Ara. plain . . .	30	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. comb. .	10	— 4 00
Mch.	31—By royalty on	82 copies Cloth	2 87	
	"	8 copies Sheep	40	
	"	7 copies Ara. plain	42	
	"	7 copies Ara. gilt	52½	
	"	3 copies Eng. Tu. ex. gilt .	30	
	"	9 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	90	
	"	2 copies Eng. Calf comb .	20	
	"	1 copy Dark Ara. pulpit .	10	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit .	10	—$5 81½
Apr.	3 —By royalty on	71 copies Cloth	2 48½	
	"	3 copies Sheep	15	
	"	4 copies Ara. plain	24	
	"	7 copies Ara. gilt	52½	
	"	1 copy Tur. Mor. sup. ex. g.	10	
	"	1 copy Eng. Calf, comb .	10	
	"	7 copies Ara. gilt, pulpit .	70	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit .	10	—$4 40
				$76 41

SUMMARY.

1296 copies Cloth	$45 36
49 copies Sheep	2 45
45 copies Arabesque Plain	2 70
80 copies Arabesque Gilt	6 00
25 copies English Turkey Extra Gilt	2 50
10 copies Turkey Morocco Super Extra Gilt	1 00
1 copy Turkey Antique	10

64 copies English Turkey Comb	6 40	
13 copies English Calf Comb	1 30	
24 copies Japanese Limp Comb	2 40	—$70 21
1607		

PULPIT.

21 copies Arabesque Plain	$ 2 10	
18 copies Arabesque Gilt	1 80	
8 copies English Turkey	80	
1 copy English Turkey Comb	10	
1 copy Arabesque Gilt Comb	10	
13 copies Japanese Limp	1 30	
62		—$ 6 20
1607		
1669		$76 41

BOOKS ON HAND APRIL 30, 1902.

Cloth	1
Sheep	27
Arabesque Plain	65
Arabesque Gilt	46
English Calf Comb	15
Turkey Antique	4

PULPIT SIZE.

Japanese Limp Comb	40
English Turkey Comb	20
Arabesque Gilt Comb	20
Arabesque Gilt	7
Arabesque Plain	10
English Turkey	1

Rev. J. L. Frantz of Maryland Synod was received as an advisory member.

The report of committee on President's report was received and considered by items. Items 1 to 9 were adopted. Action on item 10, section a, was deferred until the report on Orphan Home is made. Sections b, c, d, e and f were adopted. Item 11 was adopted.

Under item 2 the following committee was appointed: Revs. J. A. Snyder, J. J. Scherer, and E. H. Kohn.

The Secretary was, on motion, instructed to have the Minutes of this Synod, together with those of the General Synod, South, and the Diet, bound, and the Treasurer is instructed to pay the cost of the same.

Pending the further consideration of the report Synod adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. S. C. Ballentine.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 9, 9:30 A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. F. Muench, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., but now of New York, is entitled to, and does hereby receive the unanimous vote of thanks of this body for his valuable services in connection with the location of the Theological Seminary in its present handsome and commodious home at Mt. Pleasant, and that the board of directors of the Seminary be requested to make suitable record of said service whereby this labor of love and self-sacrificing devotion of Dr. Muench may receive merited recognition.

The report of the Orphan Home was received and ordered printed in our Minutes.

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME

To the United Synod: As required by your Body, the Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va., takes pleasure in submitting the following report of its work:

We have reason to be grateful for the measure of success that has attended our orphan work for the past two years. The work has steadily grown in the number of children cared for and in the support given by the Church. Its internal management shows a higher efficiency.

The officers of the Board of Trustees, who are now elected only upon the nomination of the committee of the United Synod, are as follows: Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., President; Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Secretary; Mr. Paul S. Davis, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee, which holds frequent meetings to consider applications for admission and to watch over the general interests of the Home, is as follows: Dr. Miller, Dr. Painter, Hon. H. S. Trout, Col. A. M. Bowman, Mr. T. J. Shickel, and Mr. C. Markly.

The officers charged with the internal management and work of the Home are as follows: Rev. B. W. Cronk, Superintendent; Mrs. B. W. Cronk, matron; Miss Sallie J. Fisher, Miss Lee S. Stoutamire, and Miss Rosa Hankla, assistants.

During the last two years there have been forty-eight (48) children in the Home, of which number thirty-eight are still being cared for. Others, as they have approached the age limit of eighteen, and have thus became able to take care of themselves, have been returned to friends or placed in position to earn there own livelihood.

The average cost for each child, including gifts in kind, has been about $75. While this is slightly more than the cost reported in former years, it is still much below that of similar institutions. The Home is conducted with great economy; and the increase of cost has been due, partly to the advanced price of the necessaries of life, and partly to the greater comforts and advantages which the children have enjoyed.

The Home now has a graded course of study in its school, and gives especial attention to the elementary education of the children. In addition to the branches usually taught, instruction is given in the catechism, the doctrines and usages of our Church, and church history.

Besides the religious exercises held regularly in the Home, the children attend the Sunday School, the catechetical classes, and the religious services of the College Church in Salem. Especial importance is attached to the moral and spiritual culture of the children; and it is a gratifying fact that nearly all, upon reaching a suitable age, become confirmed members of the church.

The manual training of the children is not neglected. Both boys and girls, except in recreation hours, are constantly kept at some employment. The aim of the Home is not only to train them in habits of industry, but also, as far as possible, to fit them for earning a livelihood when they leave our care.

The printing office has been a valuable adjunct in our work. Besides helping in the practical training of the children, it has been made a source of income. The Home has published the Messenger, two monthly

parish papers, the Minutes of the Southwest Virginia Synod, its own annual reports, besides a number of smaller jobs. All this has been done under the direction of the superintendent without the employment of a foreman.

The contributions in cash and in kind received from the various district synods the past year are as follows:

Synod of Southwest Virginia	$1026 64
Virginia Synod	692 86
Synod of South Carolina	527 05
North Carolina Synod	341 15
Tennessee Synod	137 85
Holston Synod	59 37
Georgia Synod	41 99
Mississippi Synod	15 00
Miscellaneous	660 75
Printing office	225 00
	$3727 66

The total income of the Home for the year has been $3727.66, of which amount $889.87 was for the property fund.

It is gratifying to be able to mention two bequests since the last meeting of your Body. The first is a bequest of $600 by the Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., for many years an honored member of the United Synod. This bequest is not at present available. The other is a bequest by Mr. George W. Lowery, a prosperous farmer of Roanoke County, Va., from which the Home will realize about $2000. The greater part of this amount has already been paid.

No General effort has been made to pay off the indebtedness incurred in the purchase of the present commodious and handsome property. At the suggestion of the Chairman of the Seminary Endowment Committee, the Home has withheld its appeal. Now that the work of that committee is happily concluded, it is hoped that the United Synod will at this meeting take steps to liquidate the Orphan Home debt. To this end the Executive Committee, in another paper, submits a plan for your consideration and adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
F. V. N. PAINTER, *Secretary.*

A plan for paying the Orphan Home debt was proposed, received and considered by items.

Pending the discussion the special order set for 11 A. M.

was called up, and the Synod was addressed on the work of the American Bible Society by Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D.

It was

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the Rev. Dr. Thos. H. Law, Field Agent of the American Bible Society for this district, and that we express our hearty sympathy with the work and commend it to our ministers and congregations.

The consideration of the plan for the liquidation of the Orphan Home debt was resumed.

On motion, the whole question, with pending resolutions, was referred to a special committee to report tomorrow morning.

Committee: Geo. B. Cromer, W. A. Deaton, L. G. M. Miller, L. L. Smith, J. S. Elmore, F. M. Harr, J. L. Derrick, and J. Q. Wertz.

Item 10, section a, of the report of the committee on President's report was taken up, amended, and referred to special committee on Orphan Home.

The committee to nominate fraternal delegates reported. The report was adopted.

Your Committee appointed to nominate fraternal delegates to the General Bodies would submit the following:

To the General Council—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Principal; Alternate, Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D.

To the General Synod—Principal, Rev. L. L. Smith; Alternate, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. FREED,
J. H. WILSON.
R. W. KIME.

The privileges of the floor were granted to Mr. E. H. Aull, superintendent of the Board of Publication. Mr. Aull addressed the Synod on the work of the Board.

Report of committee to nominate Board of Publication was read and recommitted.

The following report of visitor to Elizabeth College was received and adopted:

REPORT OF VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

When the promoters of Elizabeth College six or seven years ago announced their intention of founding an institution within the bounds of the United Synod for the higher education of its young women, equal to that of our best colleges for men, and affording opportunities for the advanced study of special brances, and that this institution would have modern equipments, modern conveniences, and a strong faculty, ranking it with leading institutions for women in the South, and that not less than $50,000 would be put into the plant, the undertaking seemed so far in advance of what had hitherto been accomplished among us, that, while the announcement brought joy to many in the Church, it also suggested the possibility of defeat, by virtue of the very unusual undertaking.

But what has actually been accomplished is five fold greater than what was promised.

My visit to the institution, as provided for by this Synod, was made last spring, comprising the greater part of commencement week. What I witnessed and learned of the institution was highly gratifying to me, and should be a cause for gratitude on the part of our entire Church.

The institution has an unusually fine site of twenty acres on the eastern border of the city. It has an elevation that gives it a commanding view of the city and surrouuding country, as well as affords excellent natural drainage, and is beautifully shaded by native oaks, and ornamental trees. It is approached by the main eastern thoroughfare of the city. The city street railway is to be extended this summer to the entrance of the college grounds. The site, which was the gift of the city, is now worth $50,000.

The buildings consist of one main college building, the Gerard Conservatory of Music, the President's house, cottages for servants, and barns. The college buildings are substantially and splendidly built, elegantly furnished, have every modern convenience, and are admirably arranged for the purposes for which they are intended.

There have been spent on the buildings, the departments, furnishings and equipment, $140,000.

During the past year, $14,500 have been spent for improvements. Of this amount, $10,500 were gifts. Among the improvements are the Gerard Conservatory of Music, a physical and chemical Laboratory, and additions to the Library.

The health of the students and teachers, since the founding of the

institution, has been excellent. The natural advantages of climate and location, the good sanitary provisions in the building, and the care and system of the institution, including the presence throughout the year of a skilled trained nurse, who acts as an adviser to the students, and constantly protects their interests, have secured to the college a gratifying health record.

The literary curriculum of the college compares favorably with that of the leading schools of our Church. The institution has decided to confer, after the present year, only the collegiate degree of Bachelor of Arts, and has slightly raised the course for this degree. It offers exceptionally good courses in music and art, conferring degrees in these departments.

The policy of the college, announced at the beginning, of employing a full corps of able teachers has been maintained, both as to the collegiate and special departments. The institution requires that its teachers have both collegiate and post-graduate preparation, as well as successful experience in teaching. I am informed that the college has materially strengthened for the next year its already able faculty.

It is a pleasure to note the growing prestige of this advanced and noble enterprise in the bounds of our Church. It is gradually and surely winning the confidence of the public in educational circles. It has an enrollment of one hundred and nineteen students this year, drawn from nine states—a patronage which has come to it on account of its recognized superior advantages. A feature which should be especially pleasing to our Church is the Lutheran status of the institution. The members of the faculty are Lutherans, with a few exceptions. Its Board of Directors and its management are wholly Lutheran. Whilst no denominational influence is sought to be exerted on students from other denominations, a Lutheran atmosphere pervades the college life. The students are under Lutheran influence, both at the college and in their church life.

For five years this institution has been maintained with increasing influence and usefulness. Not only has a large amount of money been spent in the erection and equipment of the buildings, but also a considerable amount annually in maintaining its high standard and superior advantages. Its promoters and management have more than made good their promises. It is worthy of the unreserved endorsement, continued patronage, and fostering interest of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HORINE.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary reported. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The newly elected Board held its first meeting May 19th, 1900, and organized with the following officers: Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. Wilson, Vice-President; C. M. Efird, Treasurer, and George B. Cromer, Secretary. The bond of the Treasurer was fixed at $10,000, and it was duly executed by him, with the American Bonding and Trust Company of Baltimore City as surety.

The Revs. K. Boldt, J. W. Horine and J. A. B. Scherer, were requested to continue their services in the Seminary, which they kindly consented to do. The President of the Seminary was authorized to have the closing exercises May 25th, and to graduate Mr. F. K. Roof.

The following Central Committee was appointed to execute the Seminary Memorial Endowment plan adopted by the Synod: Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Chairman; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. Prof. J. A. Morehead, and Messrs. C. Wulbern and J. D. Cappelmann.

The Executive Committee of the Board, which has power to act for the Board, *ad interim*, met at the Seminary May 29, 1901. At this meeting the resignation of Prof. F. Muench, who, as instructor, had rendered valuable services to the institution, was accepted. Arrangements were made for the continuance of the services of the Rev. Messrs. Boldt, Horine and J. A. B. Scherer.

A called meeting of the Board was held at Roanoke, Va., August 29, 1901, to consider the following letter of resignation from Prof. Morehead:

MOUNT PLEASANT, S. C., Aug. 5, 1901.

To the President of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary:

Dear Brother: Owing to the condition of my health, I feel it a duty both to myself and to the Church to hand to you herewith my resignation as President of the Seminary. This conclusion is reached only after protracted experiment and reflection. It is needless to attempt to convey an idea of the regret I feel; I trust you to understand what cannot be expressed.

Yours very sincerely,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

The letter was received with profound regret by the Board and the situation was recognized as grave and embarrassing. The Board declined to accept the resignation, but gave Professor Morehead a vacation of twelve months. The following action was also taken: "That the Board hereby recognizes its obligation to Professor Morehead during his vacation and that the matter of salary for this time be referred to the

Executive Committee for such action as it may deem best under the circumstances, for the reason that the Board, very much to its regret, does not see its way clear from its stated income to assure this obligation."

The Board reports with sentiments of deep gratitude that Professor Morehead, who has been traveling and studying in Europe, announces that he will sail for America on the 10th of May, fully restored to health and ready to resume his duties at the Seminary in October. By action of the Board his salary will begin the 1st of July. He has received no salary during his vacation, owing to his unwillingness for the Executive Committee to make an appeal to our congregations with the possible effect of interfering with the Endowment Movement. The Board proceeded at once to the election of a second professor, and the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer was chosen. He yielded to the urgent solicitation of the Board and entered promptly upon the discharge of his duties. The work of the session just closed attests his eminent fitness for the work, and the wisdom of his choice.

The work of the Seminary for the two last sessions is fully set forth in the annual report of Professor Morehead for 1900-1901, and that of Professor Scherer for 1901-1902. The Board asks that these reports, which are presented as part of this report, be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

The work of the Seminary will be carried on during the coming session by Profs. Morehead and Scherer, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Boldt, Horine and J. A. B. Scherer, each of whom has generously consented to teach two hours a week.

It is the estimate of the Board that the Seminary will be able to meet all its expenses if the district Synods will pay two-thirds of the apportionments heretofore assumed by them respectively.

The last meeting of the Board was held May 6th, 1902. At this meeting the Central Endowment Committee submitted its report, showing the following gratifying results of the Endowment Movement: Total cash and subscriptions, $28,668.93; cash, $19,901.51:

The report accompanies this report as part thereof with the request that the tabulated statement be printed in the Minutes. (See appendix A.)

RECOMMENDATION.—The Board respectfully recommends:

1. That the annual reports of Professors Morehead and Scherer for the last two sessions, and a summary of the Treasurer's report for the same time be printed in the Minutes.

2. That the tabulated report of the Central Endowment Committee be printed in the Minutes.

3. That the Board be instructed to continue the endowment work in hand until all subscriptions shall have been paid; and that, without spe-

cial solicitation, it give to all congregations and individuals who may desire to contribute to the endowment fund continuous opportunity to do so.

4. That the district Synods be requested to pay for the next year, beginning October, 1902, two-thirds of the apportionments heretofore assumed by them respectively, in order that the Seminary Board may not be embarrassed in the prompt fulfilment of its obligations; and that for the year beginning October 1, 1903, the apportionments be further reduced if the Board shall find that the income from the endowment fund shall justify such reduction.

It is with a sense of profound gratitude to God that the Board makes a report so gratifying. The synods and congregations are loyal and united in their support of the Seminary; the endowment movement has virtually succeeded; the attendance of students is gratifying; the institution has better equipment and a fuller teaching force than ever before in its history. The outlook is full of hope and promise, and nothing but continued and united effort on the part of the Synod is needed to enable the Seminary to fulfil its great mission in the development of our Southern Church.

Upon the recommendation of the Century Memorial Committee, the Board has authorized the placing in the chapel of a suitable memorial of William Melanchthon Lown, who bequeathed the sum of one thousand dollars to the Seminary as part of the Century Endowment Fund.

ROBERT C. HOLLAND, *President.*

GEO. B. CROMER, *Secretary.*

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to present the following report on the work of the Theological Seminary for the session 1901–1902.

The session was opened Wednesday October 2nd, 1901. In addition to the usual exercises the undersigned was duly installed by the Rev. J. H. Wilson, Vice-President of the Board, as second professor; and, owing to the temporary absence of Prof. Morehead, was charged with the executive management of the Seminary, in accordance with the action of the Board.

1. The course of studies adopted and heretofore presented in outline to the Board has been followed without material change.

2. In addition to the efficient service rendered by Rev. Prof. K. Boldt, as per agreement with the Board, Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., have given valuable assistance as in preceding years; the

former lecturing two hours per week throughout the entire session, the latter one and a half hours in each alternate week except during the months of December and January. This they have done at their own charges and with considerable expenditure of time and labor. It is recommended that they be at least suitably reimbursed, and that, if possible, arrangements be made whereby each of the three gentlemen named in this part of the report may be retained on the teaching force of the Seminary.

3. The attendance of students during the session has been larger than for many years, the number being fifteen. Seven of these were from the North Carolina Synod, three from the Tennessee Synod, two from the South Carolina Synod, two from the Synod of Georgia, and one from the Southwest Virginia Synod. The health of the students has been good. The attention paid to study, the gentlemanly behavior of the students, and the devotional life of the institution, have been very gratifying.

4. The Junior Class is composed of five young men; viz, Messrs. Geo. H. L. Lingle, of Salisbury, N. C., Charles R. Pless, of Concord, N. C., C. A. Ritchie, of Faith, N. C., Thaddeus B. Epting, of Pomaria, S. C., and W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., of Savannah, Ga. These, having successfully completed the studies of the junior year, are recommended for advancement to the middle class.

5. For reasons which seemed to warrant such a course, Mr. C. I. Morgan, who was the only member of the Junior Class of the previous session to return, was permitted to take, in addition to certain work of the Middle Year which was regarded most necessary in his case, the studies of the Senior Year. Thus the enrolment for the session now ending shows no Middle Class. Mr. Morgan has done the work required of him in a satisfactory manner.

The other members of the Senior Class who have now completed the entire course at the Seminary, and have passed the final examinations, are Messrs. M. Q. Boland, Edward Fulenwider, S. P. Koon, J. L. Morgan, J. W. Nease, Otto C. Petersen, Charles A. Phillips, V. C. Ridenhour and K. Y. Umberger. These together with Mr. C. I. Morgan are, therefore, recommended for graduation.

It is gratifying to report that five of these young men have already received calls and will at once enter upon the work of the ministry. As there are many vacancies within the bounds of our United Synod it is hoped that the others will soon find work to do in the Master's vineyard.

The prospect for students for the next session is at present very favorable.

6. As according to present arrangements there was room for the accom-

modation of only fourteen students at the Seminary, the necessity of providing quarters for the fifteenth was met, after consultation with the Auxiliary Committee, by renting a furnished room in the village at a cost of $4.00 per month.

7. The assistance that has been rendered by the Local Auxiliary Committee from its institution can hardly be too highly estimated. It is very desirable that this committee be continued.

8. Arrangements have been made for the closing of the session on Sunday night, May 11th. This seemed advisable for several reasons; especially, that the closing exercises might be held in connection with the meeting of the United Synod, and that there might not exist the necessity for another meeting of the Board so soon after the adjournment of that body. We request that this action be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER.

May 6th, 1902.

Apportionments to the Synods in behalf of Theological Seminary for the year beginning October 1, 1901:

North Carolina Synod	$200
Tennessee Synod	150
South Carolina Synod	215
Virginia Synod	180
Southwest Virginia Synod	130
Georgia Synod	100
Holston Synod	25
	$1000

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

ESTEEMED AND DEAR SIR: At the close of another scholastic year I beg leave to offer the usual report of the work of the session and to make certain recommendations.

By the blessing of God, notwithstanding some difficulties, the internal affairs of the Seminary have continued in good working condition. The health of the students has been excellent, no serious case of illness having occurred in the student body during the year. The work done by the students has been praiseworthy. Their devotional spirit and scholarly zeal have characterized the present session's classroom work. Instruction on the part of the faculty has been regular except for the six week's absence of your senior professor. The Seminary is rapidly developing

an internal life, atmosphere, and character calculated to give permanency and strength of influence in the performance of its mission to the Church.

In order to exhibit the Seminary's lines of activity during the past session, attention is respectfully called to the following items:

1. STUDENTS.—There have been fourteen students in regular attendance during the present session. According to States, there are three from Virginia, four from North Carolina, six from South Carolina, and one from Georgia. Considered according to colleges, two are from Roanoke College, four from North Carolina College, two from Lenoir College, and six from Newberry College. Considered according to district synods, there are two from the Southwest Virginia Synod, four from the North Carolina Synod, three from the Tennessee Synod, four from the South Carolina Synod, and one from the Georgia Synod. Their distribution, according to classes, is as follows: Senior Class, three; Middle Class, nine; Junior Class, two. The three members of the Senior Class have received and accepted calls: Mr. L. P. Boland, to the Beth Eden pastorate, of the Mississippi Synod; Mr. W. B. Aull to the Buena Vista Mission, of the Virginia Synod; Mr. C. W. Kegley, to St. Matthew's, Wilmington, of the North Carolina Synod. The members of the Junior Class, both from Lenoir College, have done some work in theology previous to entering the Seminary. This has been of great value to them in the pursuit of their studies, but is not an entire equivalent of a year's work in the Seminary, nor does the work previously done correspond to our junior year. Hence these gentlemen are ranked, as to class, according to the location of the majority of their studies.

It is recommended, on the basis of grades and examination papers herewith filed for your inspection:

(a). That Messrs. W. B. Aull, L. P. Boland, and C. W. Kegley, of the Senior Class, be graduated.

(b). That Messrs. M. Q. Boland, Edward Fulenwider, S. P. Koon, J. L. Morgan, J. W. Nease, Otto Petersen, C. A. Phillips, V. C. Ridenhour, and K. Y. Umberger, of the Middle Class, receive class advancement.

(c). That Messrs. John Hall and C. I. Morgan, of the Junior Class, receive class advancement.

The outlook for new students the coming session is very good.

2. THE TEACHING FORCE.—The arrangements for instruction, authorized at the Winston meeting of your honorable body, have been put into operation without material modification. Rev. K. Boldt has regularly and faithfully conducted recitations in the following subjects, as indicated: Isagogics, all classes, 1 hour a week; N. T. Greek, all classes, 2½ hours a week; Hebrew, 4 hours a week (Junior 2, Middle 1, Senior 1);

Church History, 5 hours a week (Junior 2, Middle 2, Senior 1). Rev. J. W. Horine regularly gave 2 hours to instruction every other week—one hour to all classes in Liturgics, one hour to Senior Class in Catechetics. Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., gave instruction 1 hour every other week —the first half of session to all classes in Evangelistics, the last half to Junior and Middle Classes upon Life and Work of Christ, and the Apostles (second half Sacred History). During my six weeks' absence, Rev. J. W. Horine assumed the work in Homiletics for all classes until my return, and in conjunction with Rev. K. Boldt, conducted the Monday conferences including chapel exercises in Homiletics. Rev. Dr. Scherer assumed the one hour a week in English Bible for all classes from the time of my illness till the end of the session. Your professor begs to state that, with the exception of six weeks of enforced absence from the middle of February till the 1st of April, he has regularly met classes as follows: English Bible, 1 hour a week, all classes; Sacred History, Junior and Middle Classes, 1 hour a week; Encyclopedia of Theology (including Hermeneutics), Junior Class, 2 hours a week; Symbolics, Middle Class, 2 hours a week; Old T. Theology, Senior Class, 1 hour a week; History of Doctrines, Senior Class, 1 hour a week; Apologetics, Junior Class, 2 hours a week; Dogmatics, 5 hours a week (Junior 2 hours, Middle 2 hours, Senior 1 hour); Book of Concord, Senior Class, 1 hour a week; Christian Ethics, Senior and Middle Classes, 2 hours a week; Homiletics, 5 hours a week (Junior 1, Middle 2, Senior 2); Pastoral Theology, Senior Class, 1 hour a week, two-thirds of session; Church Polity, 1 hour a week one-third of session; Conference and exercises in preaching on Mondays and Wednesdays respectively, average 2 hours a week.

(a). It is recommended that Revs. J. W. Horine and J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., be reimbursed for their expenses to the extent of not less than $25.00 each. Their services to the Seminary have been valuable and the Church owes a debt of gratitude on account thereof. It is also here expressed as my personal wish that the Board of Directors kindly make an equitable deduction from my salary in order to remunerate these two gentlemen for their partial assumption of my work in connection with my illness.

(b). It is recommended that the same arrangements for instruction be continued for next session, except the addition of O. T. Theology to Rev. K. Boldt's department, without additional remuneration; the designation of junior Homiletics and Catechetics as Rev. J. W. Horine's department; and the assignment of the English Bible and Evangelistics to Rev. Dr. Scherer, thus giving the two gentlemen last named two hours a week each.

(c). It is further recommended that a proper remuneration be offered

Revs. J. W. Horine and J. A. B. Scherer in order to do present justice to them and in order to look to their continued connection, in some sense, with the teaching force of the institution.

In case of the partial incapacity of your professor to do full work next year in conformity with the above plan, one or more of the brightest men in the coming Senior Class might be employed as tutors, in such measure not to interfere with their work. However, such a necessity is not anticipated, and doubtless God will open the way in case of unforeseen emergencies.

It is sincerely hoped that the further blessing of God upon the Endowment Movement may justify your honorable body in practically considering the election of a second professor at such meeting as may be held at the convention of the United Synod in Charleston next May. Such an event alone, humanly speaking, can solve the pressing problem of the maintenance of a course of instruction commensurate with the demands of the Church and the age for an *educated ministry*. It may be thought by some that our course of study, as constituted at present, is too comprehensive. But one needs only to know the trend of modern thought and popular opinion to recognize the wisdom of our points of emphasis, as it is believed. The spirit of unbelief and indifferentism imposes upon us the necessity of putting stress upon Apologetics for the defense of a positive Christian faith. The loosening of the sense of duty and growing moral laxity, characteristic of our age, suggest the emphasis of Christian ethics. The recognized need for an able, scriptural pulpit, popular in the good sense of the term, logically requires a more effective work in Homiletical instruction. The importance of a more thorough mastery of the English Bible and our evangelical confessions no one will deny. These subjects our Seminary seeks to emphasize for the reasons given. All other branches are incorporated by the common consent of the Church at large and in conformity with general practice. There can, then, be no lowering of ideals, if our Seminary is to take high rank among similar institutions and, above all, if she is truly and fully to serve her day and generation. The completion of the "Century Movement," so happily in progress, and the endowment thereby of the second professorship is therefore a practical necessity. May I be permitted here to remark that the immediate management of the Seminary is deeply grateful to God for the marked success thus far manifest in the progress of the work of endowment. Our greatest expectations have promise of fulfillment.

3. Beneficiary Aid.—This department of the work of the Church, in connection with the Seminary, has been signally blessed. For the support of our needy students, the sum of $1,250.00 has during the year been appropriated by synods, congregations and individuals. Synods have

appropriated for this object as follows: Southwest Virginia Synod, $100; Tennessee Synod, $200; North Carolina Synod, $400; South Carolina Synod, $375. Besides these, demands have been made upon the Seminary's "Special Beneficiary Aid and Scholarship Fund" by two young men, who were unable to secure requisite assistance from their synods. These two men, Messrs. John Hall and C. W. Kegley, are worthy and deserving. In partial consideration of help extended, these gentlemen rendered service in clerical work, care of library, etc. The contributors to this fund during current session were St. Andrew's Church, Charleston, $50; St. Johannes' Church, Charleston, $25; "A Helper," $100. The appropriations have been, to Mr. Kegley, $100; to Mr. Hall, $75. Vouchers are submitted herewith. In the disposition of this Fund, the following principles obtain: (a) Calls are made for contributions only in case of need; (b) young men of consecration and manifest ability, as certified to by pastors, church councils and college professors, are alone considered eligible to these scholarships; (c) the beneficiaries of these scholarships are developed in the manly spirit of self-help by the assignment to them of some regular general duties in addition to Seminary course.

4. Donations of Books to Seminary Library.—This feature of the work has been materially advanced during the year. Many valuable books have been added. The following list is appended, showing the names of those to whom gratitude is due:

One volume, (Vol. IV Southern History Association), and Chart of the Reformation, drawn by himself, presented by Prof. F. Muench, Ph. D.

One volume, (Luther's German Writings), presented by The Lutheran Visitor.

One volume, (Lutherans in Japan), presented by the Publication Board United Synod.

One volume, (Thayne's Greek-English Lexicon), presented by Rev. P. Miller.

One volume, (The Light of the World), presented by Mrs. G. W. Holland.

One volume, (German Bible), presented by Mr. F. Liebig, Sr.

Four volumes, presented by German Friendly Society, Charleston.

Nine volumes, presented by Rev. V. R. Stickley.

Nine volumes, presented by Rev. W. A. C. Mueller.

Twelve volumes, presented by Miss Lihinthal.

Sixty-one volumes, presented by Mrs. M. L. Hawkins and son, Charles.

These gifts aggregate 101 volumes and one map received during the year. It is proposed to sell duplicate volumes, when not objected to by donors, and to use proceeds to purchase recent publications for the

library. In this way and by the continued liberality of friends, we may look for increasing efficiency in this branch of the work. The reading room has been maintained as heretofore.

5. Donation of Organ.—The encouragiug news has just been received that Mr. M. P. Moller, manufacturer of organs, Hagerstown, Md., has decided to present to the Seminary for its chapel a handsome cabinet chapel organ, walnut case. This constitutes an important addition to our appointments.

6. Local Improvements.—In the early part of this session, the Lutharan Pastors' Association of Charleston, gave the proceeds of their United Reformation service to the Seminary to purchase needed furniture for students' rooms. The amount contributed was $27.06, of which $14.50 has been expended to furnish a study, etc., as accompanying vouchers show. To Mr. R. G. Chisolm is due much credit for securing much of the money to make improvements in the way of furnishing chapel and reception room in part, grading grounds, and erecting a temporary fence until hedge can be planted. I was unable personally to superintend the making of these improvements (except chapel), but Mr. Chisolm kindly performed that work. His statement of receipts and expenditures are submitted herewith. The total expenditures from contribution of Pastors' Association and through Mr. Chisolm amount to $276.93. This leaves a balance in hand of $14.61.

There is still need for additional work in the way of improving the grounds and furnishing students' rooms, but the most pressing demand upon us is for suitable library furniture. The books already in hand cannot be properly preserved until shelves are secured for their accommodation.

7. General Matters.—

(a). The Boarding Hall has been acceptably conducted during the year by Mr. J. W. Nease, of the middle class. Mr. Nease wishes to be continued in the same capacity for the ensuing session.

(b). Your honorable body referred to me the question of the publication of a catalogue during the year just closing. In my judgment, the issuance of a catalogue would have been the wise course under all the circumstances. I had planned to accomplish this during March and February, work having just been begun upon it, when my unexpected attack put it out of my power up to the present time to enter again upon the preparation of material. This matter is left to such consideration as you may see fit to give it.

(c). The conduct of the students has been uniformly courteous, gentlemanly, and good. The government of the students during the session has been accompanied with no difficulties worthy of mention.

(d). The expense accounts including all items not previously reported, is submitted herewith. It will be noted that the item of rent is this year $75, instead of $100, as heretofore. This is due to the fact that my cottage has been sub-rented for three summer months, and it is expected that your treasury show in savings on this account.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.—The following are respectfully suggested for your consideration:

(a) That diplomas similar to those now used, but having form adapted to Newberry location, be prepared for the benefit of *alumni*, who desire them.

(b). That in the future our closing exercises be public, on invitation be held in neighboring churches, and one suitable speaker be secured for sermon, his expenses to be defrayed from your treasury.

(c). That provision in advance for incidental expenses be made in such form as your body may deem wise.

In conclusion, I can but express my heartfelt appreciation of the kindness of my colleagues of the teaching force, of the local auxiliary committee, and of the members of the Board of Directors, during my illness the past spring. While, on account of my relation to the work, etc., regretting that it pleased God to permit this visitation, I am sensible of His goodness in sparing my life and granting already, measurably, my restoration. As to my future, in respect to this matter in its bearing upon the welfare of the Seminary, I am at present entirely subject to the wisdom of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,

Chairman of Faculty.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the United Synod, while grateful to all the committees and individuals that have contributed to the success of the Seminary Endowment movement, hereby express an especial sense of appreciation for the services of Dr. Robert C. Holland, whose faithful, tireless and enthusiastic leadership has been an inspiring example to the entire Church.

Synod, on motion, accepted an invitation from the committee on Entertainment to visit the Isle of Palms and the Theological Seminary tomorrow afternoon.

Synod was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 10, 9:30 A. M.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. R. Beck.

The special committee on Orphan Home reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF ORPHAN HOME COMMITTEE.

Your Committee asks leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the further consideration of "A plan for paying the Orphan Home debt," offered by its board of trustees, be postponed until the next biennial convention of this Synod.

2. That the Synod express its purpose to adopt at its next biennial convention a plan for paying said debt, provided that it shall at that time appear that the Synod is legally competent to assume the control of the property and management of the Orphan Home; and, to this end, that the Board of Trustees be requested to make at that convention of Synod an explicit statement showing the status of the title to the property and the terms of the charter of the Orphan Home, the statement to be accompanied with a legal opinion.

3. That the Synod do now constitute the members of the present Board of Trustees a Board of Trustees of the Orphan Home with authority to have the charter of the Orphan Home so amended as to make the purpose of the second item of this report practicable and to protect the rights and properity of the Orphan Home, if the present Board of Trustees shall deem it advisable to secure an amended charter.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The following are the members: L. G. M. Miller, D. D., President, Roanoke, Va.; F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Secretary, Salem, Va. Mr. T. J. Shickel, President; J. D. Dreher, Ph. D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. P. Houtz, Esq., Mr. J. W. F. Allemong, Rev. C. B. King, Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel, Col. A. M. Bowman, D. B. Strouse, Esq., Mr. C. Markley, Rev. H. F. Shealy, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Mr. J. P. Gose, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Hon. H. S. Trout.

4. That the Orphan Home be warmly commended to the moral and pecuniary support of our people, and that Synod recognize the right of the Board of Trustees to continue its appeals to the Church for aid, in-

cluding contributions to pay the Orphan Home debt and the interest thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER.
L. G. M. MILLER.
W. A. DEATON.
L. L. SMITH.
J. L. DERRICK.
J. S. ELMORE.
F. M. HARR.
J. Q. WERTZ.

The committee appointed to nominate Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was constituted as follows: Revs. C. B. Miller, W. L. Darr, C. A. Freed, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn and Edgar Bowers.

The committee on Memoir of Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., reported. Adopted by a rising vote.

MEMORIAL ON DEATH OF REV. S. HENKEL, D. D

Rev. Socrates Henkel, D. D., of New Market, Va., "fell asleep in Jesus," June 20, 1901, in the 88th year of his age. He was born in Lincoln County, N. C., March 23, 1823. From lovely childhood, his surroundings and education were Christian; he was nourished by pious parents in the faith which he later in life expounded so clearly and profoundly from the pulpit and by the fireside. Early in life he located in New Market, Va., where he, after taking a full course in literature, mathematics and the sciences, and also in theology, entered the gospel ministry as pastor in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod. Possessing a strong constitution, indomitable energy and a high degree of vitality, he performed many arduous tasks. For forty-five years he was pastor of Emanuel church, and after his physical disability, he was made pastor emeritus.

He prepared the first English translation of the Book of Concord. He also translated into English Luther's Church Postil—on the Epistles, and a considerable portion of Luther on the sacraments. As a preacher and a theologian he has been an honor to the Lutheran Church in the South, and his life was spared long that he might devote it to a cause dear to his heart. Our Father has taken him. We mourn his loss, and miss his wise and irenic counsel. Tired, he lay down to rest upon the bosom of his Lord; in heaven he awoke.

Inasmuch as he has left us an example worthy of emulation, let us cherish his memory, and follow the Lord, even as he; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st. That while we deplore his loss, we rejoice that he rests from the labors of a well spent life.

Resolved, 2nd. That while we miss him as a wise and judicious advisor in our work, we, nevertheless, bow to the wise dispensation of the Lord.

Resolved, 3rd. That we tender his family our warm and profound sympathy in bereavement and commend them to the consolations of the Gospel, and when they shall be called from earthly scenes it may be to the joy of the Christian.

Resolved, 4th. That a page of our record be devoted to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER.
J. J. SCHERER.
E. H. KOHN.

Rev. J. L. Derrick presented a petition from the Mississippi Synod looking to the appointment of a State missionary for his Synod. The paper was received, duly considered and referred to the Board of Missions.

An invitation to visit the Exposition at special rates was received with thanks.

The committee on Report of Board of Missions reported. Report was considered by items and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, on the report of Board of Missions beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend that the following suggestions of the Board be approved:

a. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $6,500 annually.

b. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

c. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

d. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whitsunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

2. We recommend that the action of the Board in regard to the furlough of Rev. R. B. Perry be approved and that the Board be authorized to apportion the necessary expense among the Synods, this apportionment being kept separate from the general fund.

3. We recommend that a "Children's Work" be established, such part of the mission work being assigned it as the Board may designate, and that the Board be requested to submit, if possible, an outline of their plan to this convention of Synod; we recommend further that the several synods be urged to take such action as will develop this power of the Church.

4. In regard to a division of the Board of Missions, referred to us by special action, we are prepared to make only a tentative recommendation. Two ways are open to us, one is that of two separate and distinct Boards; the other way is that of one Board with two sections. Two independent

Boards would require two general secretaries and two treasurers. The administration of the two fields of missions would be independent and the expenses would be greatly increased, one Board with two sections, the one section having charge of the foreign and the other section having charge of the home missions, would require one secretary and one treasurer, but the other expenses would be double. The division of the mission work between two Boards will become necessary when it has become too large for one Board. It is an end greatly to be desired, to which we may look and for which we should earnestly pray, but your committee is not clear in the conviction that time is already come. As it seems to us, our resources and our need do not warrant us in making such heavy drafts upon our missionary funds as the double administration would necesitate. We would, therefore, advise against it. One Board with two sections appears to have more reasons in its favor, and at first thought it strongly commended itself to us. The expenses of administration would not be greatly increased. The sections could be located in different parts of our territory, the home mission section being placed near the centre. Concentrated attention and effort upon one work increases efficiency. But as there are some difficulties of considerable gravity even to this plan your committee advises that for the present we continue our present plan.

5. We recommend that we renew the action of last convention in bearing testimony to the wisdom, fidelity and efficiency of our Board, also of the faithfulness, energy, devotion and ability of our General Secretary. We record also our profound gratitude to God for his blessing upon the work of his servants. While the attention of the Church has been called to the endowment of the Theological Seminary, during the biennium our contributions to foreign missions have increased $1,000, and those to home missions have fallen short only $50.

6. We recommend the re-election of the former Board with the exception of Rev. W. L. Seabrook, who has located beyond the territory of the Board and that Rev. G. E. Krauth be substituted for him.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX.
R. C. HOLLAND.
H. MAX LENTZ.
C. BROWN COX.

The following is the Board as now constituted: L. L. Smith, G. E. Krauth, L. G. M. Miller, E. H. Kohn, G. M. Beltzhoover, J. E. Cooper, and J. W. Eberly.

Report of Delegate to the General Synod was received and adopted.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Your delegate-elect to the General Synod, finding it impossible to attend that meeting, wrote a letter to the President, extending the fraternal greetings of the United Synod, and outlining briefly the work we are trying to accomplish in the extention of the Lord's Kingdom. By reference to the Minutes of the General Synod it will be seen that the letter was received.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. BUSBY.

Committee on Theological Seminary reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your co mmittee would report that the work and progress of the Theological Seminary has been so fully presented that nothing further requires our consideration at this meeting.

W. C. SCHAEFFER.
C. A. FREED.
M. M. KINARD.
S. S. RAHN.
A. H. KOHN.
V. Y. BOOZER.

Committee to nominate Board of Publication reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

We take pleasure in presenting the following names as a Board of Publication: Revs. V. R. Stickley, F. V. N. Painter, C. A. Freed, W. H. Greever, S. T. Hallman, M. J. Epting, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn, A. G. Wise, J. W. Eargle.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
M. M. KINARD.
WM. L. DARR.
W. P. HUDDLE.
J. S. ELMORE.
J. L. DERRICK.

Committee on District Synods reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

This committee can make but a very imperfect report, for the reason that very few copies of the Minutes of the district Synods have come into our hands. From the incomplete sources of information at our command we find that the various Synods composing this body are actively and successfully engaged in prosecuting the work committed to their care. Some Synods are doing much more local work than others, and this in a measure accounts for the fact that some fall so far short of meeting their obligations to the general work. This, however, should not be so; and we trust that it will soon be remedied.

It is especially gratifying to note the growing appreciation of the confessional position of our Church, and the earnest efforts made to conform thereto.

We feel it our duty to call particular attention to the very imperfect statistical reports in the Minutes that have come into our hands. There seems to be very general dissatisfaction with the long and complicated table prepared by the United Synod at its last convention. One Synod at least by special action asks that this form be simplified, and many others, we believe, concur in the same desire.

Believing that securing full and accurate reports of the work done by our Synods to be a very important matter, to the attainment of this end we recommend:

1st. That the form for statistical reports prepared by the last convention of this body be simplified.

2nd. That each district Synod appoint a statistical secretary whose special business shall be to secure accurate reports from every congregation within its bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,
J. W. HORINE.
C. B. MILLER.
JNO. F. FICKEN.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay bill for seal of this Synod.

Committee on Minutes of last Synod reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We have examined the Minutes of last convention and find only one item of unfinished business, which will require the attention of Synod, all other matters having been already disposed of.

On page 103, a resolution was adopted directing the secretary to procure a seal for this body. Has this been done? Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
A. R. BECK.
C. A. MARKS.
JNO. A. CLINE.
C. P. BOOZER.

It was,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the United Synod be permanently instructed to pay the expenses of the Chairman of the Committee on Common Service, etc., in the discharge of his official duties.

The following was adopted:

The question of "accepting" the Southern Lutheran has been referred from the President's report to your standing committee on Sunday School Literature. We believe that proper disposition of this question was made under the report of the committee on Church Literature.

JAMES A. B. SCHERER.
L. A. FOX.
J. C. MOSER.
R. C. HOLLAND.
GEO. B. CROMER.

Committee to nominate directors of the Theological Seminary reported. The report was adopted, and the nominees were elected by ballot.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We, your Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following: Revs. R. C. Holland, W. C. Schaeffer, A. R. Beck, L. G. M. Miller, J. H. Wilson, C. A. Freed, Messrs. J. F. Ficken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, H. S. Trout, C. Wulbern, J. D. Heilig.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. B. MILLER.
WM. L. DARR.
C. A. FREED.
A. H. KOHN.
EDGAR BOWERS.

The Report of Committee on the President's Report was taken up and the report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We commend the careful and thorough attention given by the President to the general work of the Church, as shown by this report.

1. The President makes an encouraging statement concerning the extent of our work. We congratulate the Synod upon the results thus indicated.

2. We recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a memoir of Dr. Socrates Henkel.

3. The report concerning the Theological Seminary is very gratifying.

4. The same can be said of the Orphan Home.

5. We recommend that the question as to the division of the mission board be referred to the committee on missions.

6. The committee desires to emphasize the President's statement concerning literary institutions.

7. We believe that Synod has already disposed of the recommendation concerning a general conference.

8. The same can be said of the publication board.

9. We commend to the earnest consideration of pastors and congregations the President's statement of "our present condition."

10. (a) Regarding the election of trustees for the Orphan Home, we recommend that the Synod appoint a committee, who shall at once take such steps as will enable the Synod to elect the board and control the property.

(b). We refer the question of book depositories to the district synods.

(c). We recommend that the presidents of our institutions annually send catalogues to the President of the United Synod.

(d). We recommend the adoption of the item providing for the preservation of historical material.

(e). We recommend that the suggestion as to the Southern Lutheran and Sunday School literature be referred to the committee on Sunday School literature.

(f). We recommend that the suggestion concerning Mississippi and Southwestern missions be referred to the Board of (Home) Missions, with power to act.

11. We recommend that the thanks of Synod be hereby tendered to

Dr. J. B. Greiner for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as president.

J. H. WILSON.
L. G. M. MILLER.
W. A. DEATON.
J. Q. WERTZ.
J. A. SNYDER.
S. S. RAHN.

Synod adjourned, to meet at 8:30 P. M., with the benediction by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 10, 8:30 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. P. Boozer.

Mr. Wm. P. Houseal presented a request from the South Carolina Synod for a simplified form of statistical reports. On motion, the following committee was appointed to prepare such form as is contemplated in the request: Revs. S. T. Hallman, J. C. Moser and C. B. King.

Rev. W. H. Greever was appointed official visitor to Elizabeth College.

Committee on Literary Institutions reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee is unable to present a full statement in regard to the various colleges within the bounds of the United Synod, by reason of the fact that no reports or catalogues of several have come to our hand. We must omit, therefore, from this summary any account of Mosheim College, Betheden Institute and North Carolina College. In reference to the last named, however, we take the liberty to state that the North Carolina Synod has deemed it proper to make no provision for its opening next session and has authorized negotiations for a closer fellowship in the educational interests of our Church in North Carolina between the Lutherans of that State, and by consolidation to secure a larger benefit to the young men of our Church in prosecuting their college course.

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

This institution, which was chartered in 1853, and has sent out so many men into the ministry of our Church, and has attained to quite an honorable place among the educational institutions of our country, will celebrate its semi-centennial one year hence, and has set in motion plans for a signal observance of that event. The average enrolment during the biennium has been 170. It has a large and well equipped faculty, and we are informed that there has been a very wholesome religious interest fostered by special provision for Bible study among the students. Stated lectures on the Augsburg Confession are being delivered with the approbation of the college authorities, the same being reasonably well attended by the young men. The endowment fund of the college has had several recent additions, and it is gratifying to note that among these is a bequest from one of its Lutheran alumni of the Valley of Virginia. It is hoped that the college will be further substantially remembered in connecti on with its semi-centennial anniversary.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

This institution dates its beginning in the year 1832, but was chartered as a college in 1856. This college continues to be the pride and foster-child of the South Carolina Synod, and under this loving guardianship and the able administration of its presidents and their associates it has attained to a sphere of enlarged usefulness and a reputation for sound scholarship which mark it among the brightest jewels in the crown of our Southern Church. By last catalogue we note an enrolment of 175, chiefly from the Carolinas and Georgia. Its faculty consists of eight professors and instructors.

LENOIR COLLEGE.

This college, located at Hickory, N. C., is under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Synod, and is growing in prosperity and usefulness. The enrolment of students for the current session is 140, and is said to be the largest in its history. The faculty has been enlarged to meet the increased demands. Contract has been given out for the erection of a dormitory, for which the sum of $4,000 has already been raised, and plans are being projected to raise $5,000 more during the next year.

MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.

This is a college for women, and numbers a faculty of 9, and a student enrolment of 122. Its alumnae exceed 100. This college has done faithful and valuable service for the Church from its foundation of over a quarter of a century ago, and maintains a strong hold upon the confidence

and patronage of the Church and community in that section of our United Synod.

MONT AMOENA SEMINARY.

This institution, located at Mt. Pleasant North Carolina, continues to flourish and shows an enrolment of students and a faculty which indicate substantial growth and increasing power for service in behalf of our Church. We are informed that preparations are being made for enlarged facilities in the way of buildings and other educational equipments. In the absence of specific data, we are not able to give definite figures.

GASTON COLLEGE.

This college, located at Dallas, N. C., is under the efficient superintendency of Prof. S. A. Wolfe, doing thorough work in behalf of our Lutheran Church, and reports a student enrolment of 125, and a faculty of six efficient instructors. The prospects of this college are full of encouragement to its friends, and of promise of continued valuable service in the cause of female education.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

This queenly institution, devoted exclusively to the education of young women, draws its patronage from many states, and is magnificently equipped for efficient service in the cause of higher education, and has attained to position of eminence among the educational institutions of the country, of which our Southern Church may be reasonably proud.

These several colleges are prosecuting their respective missions with mutual respect and friendliness, and it is a pleasure to note the absence of all ungenerous rivalry. This is cause of rejoicing to the entire Church, South, that our educational interests are in such hopeful condition, and that with few exceptions these colleges are moving forward toward a higher plane of usefulness in behalf of our Church. They should be remembered in our prayers and our benefactions. They are the chief means by which our Church is known, giving it standing and character among our neighbors, and are the marks by which we measure our power and progress as a Church in its arduous, but laudable purpose to preserve and enlarge its heritage in this Southland where our lot has been cast by the great Head of the Church.

ROBERT C. HOLLAND.
J. A. B. SCHERER.
S. T. HALLMAN.
J. W. EBERLY.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 3,500

copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and distributed, and he was authorized to make a pro rata apportionment among the district synods of the amount that may be needed to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes.

It was also

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to distribute the Minutes of Synod to the district synods on the basis of their representation in this body.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Secretary $25 for his services.

It was ordered that a donation of $5 be made to the sexton of this church, St. John's, Charleston, S. C.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase a book in which to transcribe minutes of this Synod.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby extended to the pastor and congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, this city, and to the other Lutheran pastors and people of the city who have so hospitably entertained us and made our stay so very pleasant amongst them.

Resolved, That the President of this Synod be requested to announce the same at the Sunday evening services.

The report of Committee on Consolidation of Church papers was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF CHURCH PAPERS.

Your Committee on the important subject of the consolidation of Church papers would report that this desirable end cannot be accomplished at this meeting of the United Synod. Still there are indications of an encouraging character, indicating that our two papers can be consolidated and the Church in the South have a paper of the highest excellence, both in the mechanical appearance and in the articles which appear in its columns. The committee would suggest the following action:

1. That a committee be appointed to take this subject into consideration and to formulate plans for its consummation.

2. That this committee have authority to make this consolidation by a plan which shall give the United Synod power to elect its editor-in-chief, yet involving the Synod in no financial responsibility.

3. If this consolidation shall be brought about before the next meeting of the United Synod the said committee shall have authority to select the editor-in-chief, to serve until the 1904 convention of this body.

4. That the committee under these resolutions have the additional authority to consolidate all the publishing interests of this body, provided the plan of this committee be approved by the officers of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.
L. A. FOX.
L. G. M. MILLER.
C. B. KING.

The Board of Missions was, on motion, authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur in the Board between the regular meetings of this Synod.

The following committee on Consolidation of Church Papers was appointed: Revs. L. L. Smith, C. B. King, L. A. Fox, L. G. M. Miller, and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

It was then

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn it adjourn to be formally closed after the Sunday services.

The minutes were then read and approved, and the Synod adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Wednesday—8.30 p. m. Address on Christian Education by Rev. A. R. Beck.

Century Endowment by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

Thursday—8.30 p. m. Addresses on Foreign Missions by Rev. C. A. Freed and Rev. C. B. Cox.

Friday—5 p. m. Unveiling of Monument in Bethany Ceme-

tery to the memory of Rev. Louis Mueller, D. D., erected by the Young Men's Societies of St. Matthew's Church, Charleston, S. C. German address by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. English address by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

Friday—8.30 p. m. Addresses on Home Missions by Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. John's Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D.; 8.30 p. m., Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D. After the sermon to the Seminary graduates by Dr. Horn, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer delivered diplomas to ten young men. Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., President of the Seminary Board, made an address. The following young men received diplomas: M. Q. Boland, Edward Fulenwider, S. P. Koon, C. I. Morgan, J. L. Morgan, J. W. Nees, O. C. Petersen, C. A. Phillips, V. C. Ridenhour, and K. Y. Umberger.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.; 5.30 p. m., Rev. W. A. Deaton.

St. Johannes' Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

Congregational Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. A. Lutz.

Citadel Square Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. C. B. King.

Bethel M. E. Church—11 a. m., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.

Trinity M. E. Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. H. Wilson.

Synod was formally closed according to our Liturgical order by the President, Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Eighth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

S. T. HALLMAN, *Secretary.*

VISITING MINISTERS.

Visiting ministers were present as follows during the convention: Revs. W. A. Lutz, of Prosperity, S. C.; L. K. Probst, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Missions; W. A. C. Mueller and Karl Boldt, of Charleston; C. W. Cassell, of Graham, Va.; J. E. Bushnell, D. D., of Winchester, Va.; B. W. Cronk, Superintendent of the Orphan Home; Prof. M. G. G. Scherer, of the Theological Seminary; N. D. Bodie, of Ebenezer, Ga.; P. D. Risinger, of Lone Star, S. C.; W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C.; Chas. K. Bell, of Salem, Va.; Peter Miller, of Rio, W. Va.; J. C. Wessinger, of Henry, N. C.; H. C. Grossman, of Sumter, S. C.; H. A. McCullough, of Cameron, S. C.; Jas. D. Kinard, of Leesville, S. C.; J. H. C. Fisher, of Mt. Pleasant, N. C.; Rev. W. L. Seabrook, of Newberry, S. C.; R. H. Cline, of Cherryville, N. C.

CENTURY ENDOWMENT FUND, MAY 12, 1902.

Sources, Congregations and Synods.

Appendix to Report of Century Memorial Committee, submitted by Board of Directors:

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Churches.	Pastors.	Cash.	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names.
Amity	R. A. Helms	$ 20 72			
St. Matthew's	R. A. Helms	11 00		$ 31 72	46
St. Luke's	P. J Wade	66 35			
Pilgrim	P. J. Wade	11 15			
Reformation	P. J Wade	4 85		82 35	96
St. Peter's	E. W. Leslie	18 17			
St. Matthew's	E W. Leslie	27 10		45 27	128
St. Paul's	V. Y Boozer	40 00			
Bethel	V. Y. Boozer	28 10		68 10	147
Organ Church	Geo. H. Cox	47 00			
Ebenezer	Geo H. Cox	26 25		73 25	96
Salem	H A. Trexler	32 26			
Lebanon	H. A. Trexler	16 85			
Grace	H. A. Trexler	22 65		71 76	156
St Mark's	J. Q Wertz	66 65			
Luther Chapel	J. Q. Wertz	43 21		109 86	177
Haven	H W. Jeffcoat	17 00			
Christ	H. W Jeffcoat	14 15		31 15	104
Laws	H. M. Brown	9 75			
Richland	H M Brown	5 50			
St. Paul's	H. M. Brown	6 00		21 25	39
Holy Trinity	J. A Linn	97 65	$ 15 00		
Bethel, Stanley	J A. Linn	3 40		116 05	86
Peace Macedonia	W. W. J Ritchie				
	W. W. J Ritchie	12 55		12 55	15
Concordia	B. S Brown	12 00			
St. Luke's	B. S. Brown	80 00	20 00	112 00	104
Albemarle	P. L Miller	18 00	2 00		
Mt. Zion	P L. Miller	2 50			
Luther's	P L. Miller	5 42		28 12	75
Trinity	V. R Stickley	84 25	15 00		
St. Enoch's	V. R. Stickley	110 78	213 00	423 03	158
St. Andrew's	C. A. Brown	13 60	5 00		

North Carolina Synod Continued.

Churches	Pastors.	Cash.	Subscription	Total.	Number of Names.
Centre Grove	C. A. Brown	$ 14 50	. . . .	$ 33 10	118
Christiana	J P. Miller	48 45	$ 10 00	. . . .	. .
Union	J. P. Miller	72 25	. . . .	130 70	108
St John's, Cabarrus	S. J. Steffey	101 00	1 00	102 00	95
Cold Water	Vacant	1 55	. . . .	1 55	8
St. James', Concord	C. B Miller	177 78	6 00	183 78	151
Friedens	C. A. Brown	29 00	. . . .	29 00	53
St. Stephen's	W A. Dutton	20 00	. . . .	20 00	17
St Paul's, Wilm'gt'n	A G. Voigt	649 00	. . . .	649 00	43
St. John's, Salisbury	L E. Busby	79 45	214 00	293 45	90
St. Mark's, Charlotte	R. C. Holland	417 70	434 50	852 20	167
Advertizing, "		85 00	. . . .	85 00	. .
Immanuel	J. C H. Fisher	5 00	. . . .	5 00	11
Prosperity	J C. H. Fisher	1 65	6 28	7 93	7
Providence	W. R Ketchie	1 75	. . . .	1 75	4
Totals	. . . . .	$2679 14	$941 78	$3620 92	2299

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

College Chapel	W. A. Deaton	$ 200 00	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Antioch	W. A. Deaton	17 75	$ 28 25	. . . .	. .
Philadelphia	W. A. Deaton	71 13	11 75	$ 328 88	393
Salem	J C Deitz	144 25	. . . .	144 25	133
Manassas, Va	. . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Bethel and Trinity	Moses Grossman	10 00	. . . .	10 00	28
Powder Springs	A. L. Bolick	8 12	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Morning Star	A. L. Bolick	5 45	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. Jacob	A. L. Bolick	6 60	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St David	A. L. Bolick	3 35	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Salem	A. L. Bolick	45	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Zion	A. L Bolick	6 03	. .	30 00	190
Mt Calvary	M. L. Pence	2 70	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. Stephen's	M. L. Pence	2 20	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St Paul's	M L. Pence	3 89	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. Matthew's	M. L. Pence	7 50	. . . .	16 29	165
Mt. Nebo	W. P Huddle	33 45	. . . .	33 45	36
Daniels	James P Price	29 00	. . . .	29 00	85
St. Martin's	Vacant	10 50	. . . .	10 50	11
Bethpage	J. C. Wessinger	75	. . . .	. . . .	. .

Tennessee Synod—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Cash	Subscription	Total	Number of Names
David's Chapel	J. C. Wessinger	$ 75			
Cedar Grove	J. C. Wessinger	3 55			
Sardis	J. C. Wessinger	50			
Trinity	J. C. Wessinger	52 45		$ 58 00	57
King's Mountain	L. A. Bikle	30 00	$ 70 00	100 00	
Zion	J. A. Cromer	86 50	60 00		
St. Peter's	J. A. Cromer	24 85			
St. Andrew's	J. A. Cromer	43 65			
Emmanuel's	J. A. Cromer	14 80			
Grace	J. A. Cromer	2 40		232 20	425
Mt. Horeb	J. F. Deal	12 64	15 00		
St. Jacob's	J. F. Deal	8 30			
Bethlehem	J. F. Deal	7 92			
St. Thomas	J. F. Deal	6 60		50 46	127
St. Peter's	A. R. Beck	120 35	70 00		
St. John's	A. R. Beck	19 10		209 45	280
St. Timothy	F. K. Root	13 50			
St. Paul's	F. K. Roof	7 00		20 50	15
Holl Grove	C. L. Miller	25 67	3 00		
Pilgrim	C. L. Miller	8 97			
Emmanuel	C. L. Miller	3 95			
Jerusalem	C. L. Miller	1 50		43 09	142
St. Andrew's	R. A. Yoder	77 00	24 00	101 00	123
N. C. Conference		26 24		26 24	
St. Mary's	J. P. Stirewalt	11 70	20	11 90	95
Holy Trinity	J. C. Moser	103 24			
Zion	J. C. Moser	15 51		118 75	240
St. John's	R. H. Cline	15 00	77 25		
St. Mark's	R. H. Cline		23 75	116 00	43
Cedar Grove	W. H. Roof	10 81	1 00		
St. James'	W. H. Roof	9 96			
St. Paul's	W. H. Roof	17 25			
St. John's	W. H. Roof	1 15		40 17	151
Mt. Tabor	E. L. Lybrand	44 05		44 05	158
Total		$1389 98	$384 20	$1774 18	2897

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Cash.	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names
Good Hope	Jas D. Kinard . .	$ 21 00	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Mt Calvary . . .	Jas. D. Kinard . .	46 00	. . . .	. .	. .
Luther Chapel . .	Jas. D Kinard . .	44 25	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Salem	Jas. D Kinard . .	6 81	. . . .	$ 118 06	138
St. Johannes . . .	Karl Boldt	1340 55	. . . .	1340 55	128
St David's	R. E Livingston .	33 00	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Sandy Run	R E Livingston .	82 60	. . . .	115 60	166
Mt Pleasant . . .	Y von A. Riser .	26 65	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Mt. Hebron	Y. von A Riser .	49 90	. . . .	76 55	79
Providence	Geo. S. Bearden .	10 67	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. John's	Geo. S. Bearden .	39 79	$ 4 50	. . . .	. .
Nazareth	Geo S. Bearden .	53 60	. . . .	108 56	125
Mt Olivet	J D Bowles . .	10 40	. . . .	10 40	57
Mt. Pleasant . . .	J. H. Wilson . .	165 00	15 00	. . . .	. .
St Nicholas . . .	J H Wilson . .	48 75	15 00	243 75	142
Pine Grove	P D. Risinger . .	120 39	38 33	. . . .	. .
Trinity	P D. Risinger . .	66 25	36 00	. . . .	. .
St. Mark's	P. D. Risinger . .	22 00	. . . .	282 97	183
St. Luke's	H J. Mathias . .	81 05	30 00	111 05	120
St. Stephen's . . .	J. G. Graichen . .	73 83	60 00	133 83	60
St. James, Jalapa .	A. J Bowers . . .	24 20	2 00	26 20	42
St. James Granit'v'le	J. D Shealy . . .	9 65	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Orange Chapel . .	J. D. Shealy . . .	7 65	. . . .	17 30	39
St Matthew's . . .	H A. McCullough	98 80	33 70	. . . .	. .
Mt. Lebanon . . .	H A. McCullough	89 30	23 00	244 80	119
St John's, Charl'st'n	J. W Horine . .	2988 47	1693 00	4681 47	259
St Paul's	J. A Sligh	47 70	17 70	. . . .	. .
Mt. Pilgrim	J. A Sligh	9 15	8 50	83 65	137
Ebenezer	M. M. Kinard . .	251 00	169 00	420 00	40
St. Michael's) . .	H J. Mathias . .	171 00	189 00	. . . .	. .
St Andrew's) . .	S. L Nease . . .	146 95	60 63	567 58	171
Holy Trinity) . .	S. L Nease . .	94 00	177 00	. . . .	. .
Macedonia) . .	J. K. Efird . . .	66 00	75 75	412 75	177
Grace) . . .	W. H. Hiller . .	314 59	674 41	. . . .	. .
M Tabor) . . .	W. A. Lutz . . .	14 93	33 33	1037 16	200
St. Andrew's . . .	J. A B Scherer .	228 25	771 75	1000 00	220
Holy Trinity . . .	M O J. Kreps .	76 00	110 00	186 00	97
Bethel . . .	S C. Ballentine .	27 25	17 00	. . . .	. .
Mt. Vernon	S C. Ballentine .	5 00	60 50	. . . .	. .
Mt. Olivet	S. C. Ballentine .	5 75	70 00	. . . .	.

South Carolina Synod—Continued.

Churches	Pastors.	Cash.	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names.
Mt. Hermon . . .	S. C. Ballentine .	$ 28 50	. . . .	$ 214 00	116
St Matthew's . . .	W. A. C. Mueller .	847 25	$ 205 00	1052 25	323
Bethlehem	J. J. Long } . . .	41 00	29 50	. . . .	. .
St. Matthew's .	J. J. Long } . . .	12 05	11 25	93 80	63
St. Paul's	W. H. Greever . .	250 00	153 00	403 00	153
Ch. of the Redeemer	W. L Seabrook .	243 85	135 00	378 85	240
Orangeburg S S .	. . . . .	23 70	. . . .	23 70	. .
Nazareth Church .	W M. Long . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. .
. . . . .	Legacy	1014 05	. . . .	1014 05	. .
Total	. . . . .	$9478 43	$4918 85	$14397 28	3594

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

St. Paul's	J E. Bushnell . .	$ 8 30	. . . .	$8 30	13
Spring Valley . .	J. M. Schreckhise	4 20	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Mt Olivet	J. M Schreckhise	7 80	. . . .	12 00	47
Mt. Tabor	E. A Repass . .	30 00	. . . .	30 00	25
Muhlenberg . . .	G. E. Krauth . .	32 20	. . . .	32 20	20
Salem	Geo. A Riser . .	23 77	10 00	. . . .	. .
St. James	Geo. A. Riser . .	12 75	10 00	. . . .	
Melanchthon . . .	Geo A. Riser . .	26 45	. . . .	82 97	51
St Peter's, W'rd'ns'le	J K. Efird	15 70	. . . .	14 70	15
Bethany . .	J. W. Shuey . . .	105 65	. . . .	105 65	69
Zion—St James .	E C Cronk, succ'd-	. . .	. . . .	. . .	.
. . . . .	ed by S L. Keller	175 60	80 00	255 60	104
St Peter's	H Max Lentz . .	57 75	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. James'	H. Max Lentz . .	25 00	. . . .	82 75	21
St James'	P. Miller	20 70	10 00	. . . .	. .
Mt Moriah	P. Miller	35 55	22 55	. . . .	. .
North River . .	P. Miller	49 80	30 00	168 60	140
Christ Church . . .	A. D R Hancher	195 50	4 50	200 00	88
Mt Jackson	E L Fo k	15 25	. . . .	15 25	19
Hebron	W. P Huddle . .	439 40	81 50	. . . .	.
Mt Pisgah	W. P. Huddle . .	30 35	12 00	563 25	107
Trinity	J W. Strickler . .	75 05	. . . .	75 05	48
Trinity, Buena Vista	W. B. Aull	22 50	15 00	37 50	44
Holy Trinity . . .	C. A. Freed . . .	374 67	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St Mark's	C. A Freed . . .	9 35	. . . .	. . . .	. .

Virginia Synod—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Cash.	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names.
Mt. Hermon . . .	C. A. Freed . . .	$ 4 80	. . . .	$ 428 82	63
1st Eng Ch Rchm'd	C. A. Marks . . .	117 00	$ 1500	132 00	6
Grace, Winchester .	Vacant	111 25	1000 00	1111 25	17
Total	. . . . .	$2065 34	$1290 55	$3355 89	897

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

St. Luke's	A. Phillippi . .	$ 40 21	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Holy Trinity . . .	A Phillippi . .	42 06	. . . .	$ 82 27	73
Luther Memorial .	D. B. Groseclose	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Mt. Tabor	D B. Groseclose	34 55	. . . .	34 55	45
St. Peter's	D. B Groseclose	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Zion—Floyd .	T. C. Parker . . .	25 08	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Olive Hill	T. C. Parker . . .	3 08	. . . .	28 08	22
Wheatland	W. Y. Cline . . .	24 30	$ 2 50	. . . .	. .
St. Mark's	W. Y. Cline . . .	5 80	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Brick Union . . .	W. Y. Cline . . .	7 90	3 00	. . . .	. .
Trinity	W. Y. Cline . .	3 00	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. Jacob	W. Y. Cline . . .	1 00	. . . .	47 50	60
Hawkins Chapel .	J. B. Greiner . .	206 75	35 00	241 75	81
St. John's	Paul Seig	226 43	125 00	351 43	86
St James'	J. C Repass . . .	31 57	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Geislers	J. C. Repass . . .	2 00	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Damascus	J. C. Repass . . .	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Luther Chapel . .	J. C. Repass . . .	27 55	. . . .	66 12	72
Southview	T. C. Parker . . .	21 80	16 25	. . . .	. .
Zion	T C Parker . .	15 75	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Vinton	T. C. Parker . .	4 75	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Glade Creek . . .	T C. Parker . . .	6 85	. . . .	65 40	52
Sharon	R. R. Sowers . .	39 50	10 00	. . . .	. .
St. Matthew's . . .	R. R. Sowers . .	11 00	2 00	. . . .	. .
Red Oak	R R Sowers . .	3 50	2 50	68 50	70
Tazewell	W. C Seidel . .	109 00	40 00	. . . .	. .
Immanuel	W. C. Seidel . . .	22 28	33 00	204 28	40
Ebenezer	J. J. Scherer . . .	13 60	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Marion Col. Church	J. J. Scherer . . .	11 75	. . . .	25 35	29
Prices Fork	Jas. Mahood . . .	4 52	. . . .	4 52	27
Graham Church . .	C. W Cassell . .	87 23	73 00	160 23	66
St Paul's	D. S. Fox	28 75	. . . .	. . . .	. .

Southwest Virginia Synod—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors	Cash	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names
Kimberlin	D. S. Fox	$ 20 00			
Corinth	D S Fox	32 25	$ 63 75		
Pleasant Hill	D S. Fox	17 75	5 00	$ 167 50	55
College Ch., Salem	C K Bell	230 50	189 00	419 50	97
St. Mark's, Roanoke	L. G. M Miller	29 06	197 75	226 81	11
Burke's Garden	J. H. Wyse	283 05	515 00	798 05	92
Total		$1679 09	$1312 75	$2991 84	952

GEORGIA SYNOD.

St. John's, Jacks'v'le	S S. Rahn	$ 39 55		$ 39 55	29
St. Marks	J. S Elmore	54 00			
St Paul's	J S Elmore	1 25			
Zion	J. S. Elmore	9 75		65 00	28
Bethel	T. W Shealy	203 77			
Laurel Hill	T. W. Shealy	113 91			
Mt Olivet	T W. Shealy	40 79		358 47	232
Zion	N. D Bodie	123 55			
Miller Chapel	N D Bodie	10 60			
Jerusalem	N. D Bodie	135 26			
Rincon	N D. Bodie	28 97		298 38	230
Mason, Fla	J. L Buck	12 65	$ 3 60	16 25	53
Ch of the Ascension	W C Schaeffer	1341 00		1341 00	206
Mt. Pilgrim	D A Sox	97 57		97 57	49
Total		$2212 62	$3 60	$2216 22	827

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Luther Chapel	W. G. Wolford	$ 5 25			
Sugar Grove	W. G. Wolford	75			
Oak Grove	W. G Wolford	1 75		$ 7 75	14
Zion	J. C Miller	6 97		6 97	12
St J hn's, Knoxv'le	W C. Seidel	59 50	$20 00	79 50	10
Sinking Springs	Noah Bible	3 28			
Trinity	Noah Bible	4 27	8 00	15 55	18
Total		$81 77	$28 00	$109 77	54

☞ The Holston Synod regrets that local difficulties prevented larger co-operation.

In Memory of H. S. Wingard. Ebenezer Conference

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Churches	Pastors.	Cash	Subscription	Total	Number of Names.
Zion	H E H Sloop	$ 21 70			
Providence	H. E H Sloop	17 30		$ 39 00	32
New Hope	J. L. Derrick	13 45			
Rehobeth	J L Derrick	50			
St. Mark's	J L. Derrick	10 05	$ 1 50	25 50	49
Beth Eden	L P Boland	5 05		5 00	7
Shady Grove	J H Murphy	2 00		2 05	14
Total		$70 05	$1 50	$71 55	102

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Contributors	Cash.	Subscription.
Joint Conference Tenn and S C Synods	$ 50 00	
Plate Collection (U S.)	35 25	
Rev. Robert L Patterson, Ohio		$100 00
Mr. and Mrs. F P Cover, N C	100 00	
In Memoriam	5 00	
Twenty-eight Individuals	122 80	
Total	$313 05	$100 00

RESUME AND SUMMARY—MAY 22, 1902.

Synods.	Churches Reporting	Amount Paid	Amount Subscribed.	Total.	Number of Contributors.
North Carolina Synod	47	$ 2679 14	$ 941 78	$ 3620 92	2299
Tennessee Synod	53	1389 98	384 20	1774 18	2897
South Carolina Synod	47	9478 43	4918 85	14397 28	3594
Virginia Synod	28	2065 34	1290 55	3355 89	897
Southwest Virginia Synod	38	1679 09	1312 75	2991 84	952
Georgia Synod	14	2212 62	3 60	2216 22	827
Holston Synod	7	81 77	28 00	109 77	54
Mississippi Synod	7	70 05	1 50	71 55	102
Supplementary List		313 05	100 00	413 05	32
Total	241	$19969 47	$8981 23	$28950 70	11654

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1902-'04.

NAME OF SYNOD.	Organized.	PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.											ACCESSIONS.						LOSSES.				FINANCIAL STATISTICS. LOCAL.		
		Ministers.	Number of Churches.	Number of Stations.	Enrolled Communicant Membership.	Resident Communicant Membership.	Number of Members Communing During the Year.	Resident Families Represented.	Baptized Children, Not Confirmed.	Catechumens, Not Confirmed.	Students for the Ministry.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Transfers from Lutheran Congregations.	Transfers from Other Denominations.	Restorations.	Deaths.	Transfers	Lapses and Removals.	Exclusions.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Paid on Pastor's Salary.
North Carolina	1803	34	60	1	8158	.....	....	....	....	....	..	....	...	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	1820	41	91	..	8406	....	....	....	3370	1176		498	34	269	105	..	..	151	64	13	..	$111420 00	$ 3518 00	....
South Carolina	1824	40	63	5	9261	5355	3776	1616	2093	150	3	385	31	335	93	14	2	187	67	55	2	261810 00	17226 25	$ 13292 60
Virginia	1829	34	66	18	6208	3962	2712	1395	426	206	7	146	93	112	102	40	8	72	63	139	13	195050 00	17000 00	8230 97
Southwest Virginia	1842	....	58	17	4418	.....	....	..	....	....	..	106	33	52	35	..	..	54	40	6	..	85200 00	22852 00	....
Mississippi	1855	9	14	..	692	.....	....	....	....	...	..	18	12	13	26	..	..	3	14	....	..	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	1860	11	20	..	2475	.....	....	....	....	112	2	98	9	62	29	.	..	32	22	....	..	143350 00	....	.....
Holston	1861	7	24	..	1321	886	744	198	109	16	..	95	13	123	3	5	2	23	8	11	..	19775 00	450 00	1231 65
Total	....	176	396	41	40989	10203	7232	3209	5998	1660	12	1346	225	966	293	59	13	522	278	224	15	$828025 00	$61046 25	$22755 22

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1902-'04—Continued.

NAME OF SYNOD.	FINANCIAL STATISTICS.													
	LOCAL.		BENEFICENCE.											
									UNITED SYNOD.					
	Expenditures on Church, Parsonage and School Properties.	All Other Local Expenditures.	Orphan Home (money and gifts.)	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary.	Colleges.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical and Conference Home Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Aged Ministers, and Ministers' Widows.	Synodical Expenses.	For Relief of the Poor, and All External Objects.	Total Beneficence.
North Carolina														
Tennessee	$ 1981 21	$ 99445 00	$ 52 95			$ 674 50			$ 19 00	$ 117 16				$ 3833 84
South Carolina	20709 15	15253 15	397 29		$ 416 78	292 25	$ 499 00	$ 25 00	462 03	388 48	$93 00	$1365 17	$4377 57	$ 6896 00
Virginia	135 73	107 28	478 03	$ 199 00	327 04	12 00	53 80	420 69	1054 34	1591 99		235 09	1184 39	5048 94
Southwest Virginia		10505 75	599 14	24 69	38 49		25 68		218 20	170 44	52 00	718 39	94 44	2712 70
Mississippi			3 00						24 70	3 55		25 65		
Georgia		10447 65			121 67				285 25	197 38		165 62		2304 22
Holston	1106 37	250 00												609 09
Total	$23032 46	$148679 50	$1530 41	$223 69	$903 98	$978 75	$578 48	$445 69	$3087 69	$2469 00	$145 00	$2509 92	$5656 40	$21404 33

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1902-'04--Continued.

Name of Synod.	Beneficence.	Statistics of Societies.																		
		Sunday Schools.						Young People's Societies.				Woman's Mis. So's.			Children's Mis. So's.		
	Grand Total.	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers (Lutheran.)	Scholars (Lutheran.)	Contributions for the Support of Schools and All Local Objects.	Contributions for Beneficence.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members.	Contributions for Local Objects.	Contributions for Beneficence.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members	Contributions for Missions.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members.	Contributions for Missions.
North Carolina																	
Tennessee	$ 10558 33	70	..	497	408	$ 385 53	$ 239 45	..									
South Carolina		62		369	4885	1865 43	818 15	11	433	$ 5 47	$ 140 00	27	707	$ 869 40	10	169	$ 182 00
Virginia	79304 80	54	4	639	4131	1506 93	1106 40	4	174	45 75	48 50	15	352	544 62	1	31	16 14
Southwest Virginia	13963 32	46	..	561	3045	644 40	73 10	..	....	.....	.....	..	....	650 13	..	....	.....
Mississippi		7	..	31	225	.....	.....	..	....	.....	.....	..	....	.....	..	....	.....
Georgia	17404 35	17		203	1582	1712 76	68 37	..	....	.....	.....	..	....	528 75	..	....	.....
Holston	1780 17	8	2	69	482	74 69	132 42	3	63	.....	.....	..	....	.....	2	19	38 75
Total	$123010 97	264	6	2369	14758	$6189 74	$2437 89	18	670	$51 22	$188 50	42	1059	$2592 90	13	219	$236 89

☞ We do not vouch for the correctness of this table. --S. T. H.

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Place—Dallas, N. C.

Time—Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1906, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, New Market, Va., on Wednesday, July 27, 1904, at 3:30 P. M., and began the exercises of its Ninth regular session.

The altar service was conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., after which the Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., President, from Ezra 6:3.

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of Synod. Confessional and Communion Services conducted by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

The Synod was then formally opened and the delegates were duly enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

North Carolina Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. R. C. Holland, D. D., Prof. Chas. B. King, Geo. H. Cox, D. D., V. Y. Boozer, B. S. Brown, A. G. Voigt, D. D., J. Q. Wertz, J. L. Morgan and A. R. Beck.

Lay.—Messrs. S. H. Hearne, Jno. A. Cline, M. G. M. Fisher and J. L. Schulenberger.

Tennessee Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. W. P. Cline, R. A. Yoder. D. D., H. J. Mathias, D. I. Offman, W. A. Deaton, J. A. Cromer, J. P. Stirewalt, M. L. Pence and J. L. Deaton.

Lay.—Messrs. Prof. S. A. Wolff, Hon. C. M. Efird, Ambrose L. Henkel, N. G. Moore, J. L. Hepner and C. J. Tussing.

South Carolina Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. W. L. Seabrook, M. O. J. Kreps, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, J. D. Kinard, S. T. Hallman, D. D., W. K. Sligh, J. W. Horine, W. H. Greever, Prof. Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., and C. E. Weltner.

Lay.—Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., A. H. Kohn, Hon. Jno. F. Ficken, Hon. J. W. Jenny, Wm. P Houseal, Hon. E. H. Aull, Dr. E. O. Hentz, A. G. Wise, A. D. Haltiwanger and Capt. H. H. Folk.

Virginia Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., C. A. Marks, E. L. Folk, E. A. Shenk, P. Miller, A. D. R. Hancher and H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Lay.—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, J. M. Snapp, C. W. Heater, L. S. Walker, J. A. Alexander, J. Frank Clemmer and W. M. Burk.

Southwest Virginia Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. B. Greiner, D. D., Paul Seig, J. J. Scherer, D. D., and A. Phillippi, D. D.

Lay.—Messrs. A. M. Bowman, H. L. Bonham, Jno. P. Gose (a), Thomas W. Peery (a) and A. S. Greever (a).

Mississippi Synod.

Clerical.—Rev. Jno. L. Derrick.

Georgia Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. J. S. Elmore, W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and E. C. Cronk.

Lay.—Messrs. Jacob Paulsen, J. M. Gnann and Geo. P. Hodnett.

Holston Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., and S. D. Steffey.
Lay.—Messrs. C. J. Harr and Wm. H. Greer.
("a" Absent.)

The hours of daily sessions were fixed from 9 to 12 A .M., and from 2 to 5 P. M., with evening services at 8 P. M.

The President read his report, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus:

We have, again in the Providence of God, assembled in the name of the various Synods scattered over the south-eastern section of our country, to confer with each other, concerning the work in which we are engaged, in the kingdom of God.

In this kingdom, One is our Master, even Christ. This kingdom is founded on him. He protects it with the power of His might, and enriches it with all spiritual blessings. He whom we serve, therefore, and whose we are, is the Son of the most high God. We, and the church we represent, are subject to His most gracious will. Let us, therefore, putting our trust in Him, invoke His blessings upon us, that we may be enabled to will and to do all things according to His own good pleasure. Let us, ever mindful of His presence, and mindful of our great responsibility as stewards in the kingdom of God, do all for the glory of God, the good of the Church of Jesus Christ, and our own spiritual edification.

Eph. 3: 20, 21: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding

abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church of Jesus Christ, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen."

Our meeting today, July 27th, instead of July 6th, the time fixed upon at the last convention of this body in Charleston, S. C., May, 1902, is by the action of the officers of the United Synod upon the urgent petition of the good people of St. Matthew's and Emmanuel congregations, whose kind hospitality we are now enjoying. Your President delayed and hesitated to take this action, because our constitution and by-laws are silent on the matter, and no precedent had been laid, and he was doubtful whether this power was vested in the officers of Synod.

We trust, however, that this change of date made by your officers will meet your approval, and that you will ratify our action.

It affords me much pleasure to report to your body indications of healthful progress along all lines of our work. Whether our eyes are turned upon our mission work, at home or Japan; upon our institutions of learning, the Theological Seminary, and the various schools and colleges within our bounds; upon the institutions of beneficence; upon the work of the various Synods, Conferences, and congregations in our connection—wherever we look, advancement can be distinctly discerned.

Although the several boards through whom the work of this Synod is carried on, will submit full and exhaustive reports of their work, for your consideration at this meeting, yet we beg leave to offer some observations and impressions of a more general character of the whole field, as the situation appears to your President.

Missions.

The first work in which this body engaged, and the most important now, and one which will perhaps always remain the most important work, not only of the United Synod, but of the whole Christian Church, is that of Missions. This work has been energetically prosecuted by the board, both at home and in Japan. It is a matter of deep regret to the Church to note the changes in our foreign force. The Church loses much time and money when young men of ability have gone out and have equipped themselves for the foreign work, by residence sufficiently long to learn the

language and customs of the people, and are in a position to do efficient service for the Master in Japan, resign and abandon the work. The Church is then compelled to look up raw recruits and begin again.

I have nothing to suggest as a remedy; and I desire to cast no reflections, as both the board and others concerned, can, no doubt, with good reason answer you and the church at large. I desire merely to record my impressions, and to call attention to a very serious fact confronting the work of foreign missions.

The Theological Seminary.

Next in importance to the mission work stands the work of preparing young men for the gospel ministry. The church is to be congratulated in securing the services of Dr. Voigt, as the President of the Seminary. With our Seminary endowed, or partly so, by the vigorous work of Dr. Holland, as Chairman and the Committee of the Century Endowment Fund, with a location unexcelled, with a strong faculty, with a course of study equal to the best Lutheran Theological Seminary, with fourteen young men in attendance during the last year preparing themselves for the work of the gospel ministry in our Southern Church, we can look with satisfaction and gratitude upon this department of our work.

But fourteen young men in our Seminary are too few to supply the constantly increasing demands for workers in our Southern Church. The question arises: How shall we very materially increase the number of students in our Theological Seminary, and thus meet the impending scarcity of ministers in our church? This state of affairs is true, not only of the Southern Church, but also of the whole Lutheran Church in this country; and, indeed, among all denominations of Christians.

In this age of material prosperity we need to urge the presidents and professors of all our schools and colleges, and all our pastors, and all the superintendents and teachers of our Sunday Schools, all who come into close touch with the youth of our Church, to use all their endeavors to win workmen for Christ, and to enlist young men in the cause of the gospel ministry. We need the prayers and special efforts of Christian mothers to awake in their boys, a desire to enter the gospel ministry; and in order to secure and retain such a ministry, our congregations must

learn to look more closely and carefully after the material interests of their pastors.

Our Colleges.

From the catalogues and various published reports, it is learned that all our institutions of learning are enjoying a fair degree of prosperity. All our colleges without exception have added new buildings and equipments recently.

The greatest need of the colleges, as it appears to me is a greater interest among our people. This would mean greatly increased patronage and endowment. The Church needs more academies and schools preparatory for college. A systematic plan for the establishment of such schools would do much towards feeding the college and awakening an interest in the college. Other denominations are establishing schools of this character and by this means are sweeping in the young people into their colleges.

Orphan's Home.

This institution is doing a noble work in caring for and educating the orphans of the Church. It is a matter of profound gratitude that God has raised up friends for this institution, who have so nobly come to the rescue with donations towards an endowment fund and current expenses. It is hoped that at this meeting of the United Synod, the arrangements will be perfected, whereby this institution will be under the complete ownership and control of the United Synod.

The Centennial Celebration of the North Carolina Synod.

We desire to note that on May 2nd, 1903, the venerable Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina celebrated the Centennial of her organization in St. John's Church, Salisbury, N. C. This congregation is at least one hundred and fifty years old. In this church was organized the North Carolina Synod, May 2nd, 1803, with four pastors, Arends, Storch, Miller and Henkel, and fourteen laymen.

This celebration was an occasion of great rejoicing and congratulations that this venerable body had attained the mature age of one hundred years. It was an occasion of gladness and thanksgiving. Cordial greetings were brought and delivered by distinguished speakers from the Tennessee Synod, the South Carolina Synod, and the South-West Virginia Synod.

Efforts and Agencies Looking Toward Greater Unity.

The Third General Conference of the General Council, General Synod, and the United Synod of the South held recently in Pittsburg was a great gathering of Lutherans. The results of this meeting together with the two former Conferences will be far reaching and important in developing a closer bond of union among these bodies of Lutherans. The Conferences should continue; for the spirit in which they were held, and the objects contemplated are highly commendable.

The work of the Committee on the Common Service and Hymnal for the English speaking Lutherans of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South, has made commendable progress. It is hoped that the work will soon be completed and that the Church will have the use of this book. Nothing can more readily bring about uniformity in correct Lutheran practice, than one book for all English speaking Lutherans.

An efficient agency in bringing about a closer unity of faith and practice in our Synod, would be one Church paper, the official organ of the United Synod, owned, controlled and edited by the United Synod. We say this without reflecting in any way upon the valuable and efficient services rendered to the Church by the Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper. But it appears to your President that one paper published as the Synod's official organ could be made more efficient, more widely circulated and more economical.

There is a movement toward a closer union among some of the Synods and Conferences composing this body. This movement appears in the action of the North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod, and the North Carolina Synod's response to same, looking towards "One Synod in North Carolina." The same is true of the Joint Conference in South Carolina, and the South Carolina Synod, and also of the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod and the Virginia Synod. I take it that these movements are not merely for the sake of convenience in contiguous or over-lapping territory, nor merely for reasons of expediency nor for financial reasons, but from the true motive, viz.: a desire to fellowship and co-operate with those who are in the unity of the faith. With this as the prime moving cause, and with the reasons above stated as merely secondary and incidental, let the good work go on.

The annual reunions of all the Lutherans of North Carolina, which have now been held for four years, where the Church gathers in vast numbers and where distinguished speakers discuss living issues before the Church today, are doing much to bring our people to a better understanding of each other. These occasions can be made very efficient agencies in harmonizing and unifying our people.

Miscellaneous.

A more systematic method of gathering the statistics of the Church, and properly exhibiting them, would do much toward showing our real strength, and continual growth. The recommendation of a uniform Church Record for all our congregations would aid very materially in this important matter.

While our people have responded loyally to the calls of the Church, yet our finances are wholly inadequate for the work before us. I note with pleasure the efficient services rendered to the cause of missions by the Woman's Home and Foreign Societies, Ladies' Aid Societies, Children's Mite Societies, and all the efforts of the ladies and children of the Church. A qustion: Are the men keeping pace with the women of our Church in raising the funds of our Church?

I herewith submit to you, all letters, catalogues, documents, and papers of all kinds, addressed to me officially, for your consideration and disposition.

And now I desire to express to you my thanks for the honor conferred upon me in Charleston two years ago by calling me to preside over this body. I took up the duties of the office with many misgivings, but I desire to express my thanks for the uniform courtesy and kind consideration extended to me.

And may we all "speaking the truth in love, grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

On motion, the action of the officers of Synod, changing the time of meeting from Wednesday before the Second Sunday in July to Wednesday before the Fifth Sunday, was unanimously approved.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., was then re-elected President of this body.

Pending the election of other officers Synod adjourned.

At 8 P. M., addresses on Education were made by Revs. V. Y. Boozer and Dr. Jas. A. B. Scherer.

SECTION SESSION.

Thursday, July 28, 9 A. M.

Synod was opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. H. J. Mathias.

The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The representatives of Church papers were, on motion, asked to report our proceedings for newspapers, through the Associated Press, or otherwise.

The election of officers was resumed, and the following declared elected:

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Vice-President.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Secretary.

Hon. C. H. Duls, Treasurer.

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report*—Revs Dr. R. C. Holland, J. P. Stirewalt, J. B. Greiner, A. E. Shenk, M. M. Kinard and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod*—Revs. Dr. Geo. H. Cox, H. J. Mathias, W. L. Seabrook, Paul Sieg and A. D. R. Hancher.

3. *On District Synods*—Revs. W. P. Cline, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, C. E. Weltner and Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel.

4. *On State of the Church*—Revs. W. L. Seabrook, C. B. King, J. D. Kinard, W. K. Sligh and Mr. A. M. Bowman.

5. *On Devotional Exercises*—Pastors Loci and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary*—Revs. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., W. A. Deaton, L. L. Smith, D. D., M. O. J. Kreps and Mr. Wm. P. Houseal.

7. *On Literary Institutions*—Revs. C. A. Marks, V. Y. Boozer, J. L. Deaton and Mr. A. H. Kohn.

8. *On Missions*—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., W. C. Schaffer, D. D., V. R. Stickley, M. L. Pence,

W. H. Greever and C. B. King.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report*—Messrs. Prof. S. A. Wolff, Jno. F. Ficken and S. H. Hearne.

10. *On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. A. G. Voigt, D. D., J. P. Stirewalt, W. A. Deaton, J. D. Kinard.

11. *On Church Literature*—Revs. Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., H. C. Haithcox, B. S. Brown, D. I. Offman and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

12.—*To Nominate Visitors to Other General Bodies*—Revs. W. K. Sligh, W. P. Cline and V. Y. Boozer.

Rev. B. W. Cronk read the report of the Board of Directors of the Orphan Home, which was referred to the following committee, to report at 2 P. M., tomorrow:

Revs. L. A. Fox, B. S. Brown, M. M. Kinard and Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer and C. M. Efird.

The report of the Board of Missions was made. Pending the reading of this report Synod adjourned.

Benediction by the Secretary.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, July 28, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to orded, and the reading of the Report of the Board of Missions was resumed and concluded.

This report was referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

From May 7, 1902, to July 27, 1903.

At a meeting of the United Synod in Charleston, S. C., May 7-11, 1902, the following Board of Missions was elected: Revs. L. L. Smith, G. E. Krauth, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., E. H. Kohn, and Messrs. G. M. Beltzhoover, J. E. Cooper and J. W. Eberly. At a meeting held in Emanuel Church, New Market, Va., June 24,

1902, the Board organized by the election of Rev. L. L. Smith, Prsident; Mr. J. W. Eberly, Treasurer; and Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., temporary Secretary, and as Executive Committee, Rev. L. L. Smith and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and J. W. Eberly. At this meeting the Home Mission work was carefully considered, place after place on the territory, and in view of the many perplexities in connection with the Home field, the many calls for help made upon the Board, the smallness of its income, it was decided to appoint a committee to present at this meeting of the Board a plan for the future policy of the Board in conducting its Home Mission work. This committee was composed of Hon. Geo. M. Beltzhoover, Rev. Dr. Miller, and J. E. Cooper, Esq. This committee made the following report which was adopted:

Report of Special Committee on Home Missions.

The undersigned committee appointed to consider and outline policy and plan of action of Board for ensuing be-ennium, submit the following:

Whereas, The experience of the past in the results attained in some of the smaller fields, the recognized superior importance of the larger fields, and the limited financial support now afforded the Board, compel and necessitate some change in plan of operation for the future, therefore be it

Resolved (1), That the Board does hereby announce its inability under the existing condition of the Treasury, to take up any new or additional work, in such places as the district Synods can themselves provide for; and that it is further the sense of the Board that duty demands the concentration of its main efforts upon such prominent points as promise more outcome in future results.

Resolved (2), That the Board undertake as its special work for the next bi-ennium the erection of a suitable church building at Atlanta, Ga., and that it hereby renews its pledge of $5,000.00 to that object.

Resolved (3), That we recommend the placing of a missionary at Atlanta, whose sole duty shall be to care for that work, he to be selected and his salary fixed by the Executive Committee.

Resolved (4), That we recommend the election of a General Secretary at a salary of $1,000.00 and necessary expenses for the ensuing year, he to reside in a central section of the territory, and

to have charge of the general work, but whose special duty until completed shall be to canvass the congregations to raise the said $5,000.00 for Atlanta Mission over and above the regular apportionment.

Under item 4 of this report former General Secretary Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., was re-elected. He, however, in view of his previously expressed opinions on this question reserved his answer until the exact character of his work, place of residence, and other details should be determined.

At this Board meeting the President and Treasurer were authorized to borrow not exceeding $1,000.00 for the Foreign Fund and $1,000.00 for the Home Fund, whenever there is not a sufficient amount in the Treasury to pay the monthly current expenses.

Three other Board meetings were held as follows: Strasburg, Va., January 12, 1903; Winchester, Va., August 28, 1903; and Salem, Va., June 10-12, 1904. At the meeting at Strasburg, Revs. G. E. Krauth and E. H. Kohn tendered their resignations as members of the Board on account of removing beyond the territory of the United Synod, and Rev. A. D. R. Hancher was elected to succeed Rev. Krauth, and Casper O. Miller, M. D., of Emanuel Church, New Market, Va., to succeed Mr. Kohn.

Resignation of Dr. Probst.

The resignation of our General Secretary, Dr. Probst, was by a letter dated July 10, 1902. Dr. Probst for 16 years had filled this important position, and had become thoroughly known throughout the Southern Church, and had wrought effectively in the interests of the Mission Work of the United Synod. A man of strength and sound judgment, full of energy and devotion to the cause, his administration laid the foundation of the work of the Church in the future, and the Board and the Church felt regret at his severance from the work. The President of the Board was directed to prepare a suitable Minute, testifying to the long and faithful service of the Secretary, and expressing our regret at his retiring from the work, and our esteem of our brother as a Christian man and minister. Dr. Probst retired from the work October 1, 1902.

Duties of the General Secretary.

From October 1, 1902, until this time the routine duties of the

office of the General Secretary (such as sending out blank reports, corresponding with churches, missionaries and individuals, receiving reports and appeals for funds, etc., as well as the official correspondence with Japan) were performed by the President of the Board. During this bi-ennium the work of the Board, both Home and Foreign, has been transacted through the President as the official channel of communication. This Board had hoped to secure a General Secretary, but being unable to do this immediately when the vacancy occurred, it was thought wise to leave this to the United Synod to decide. With the care of a large pastorate and no little Synodical work, the President has tried to perform faithfully his work in the interest of the Board.

Missions of the United Synod.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

First Church, of Richmond.

This congregation is doing good work under the leadership of Rev. C. A. Marks, the pastor. During the past year 41 members were added, making 341 on the roll and 163 in the Sunday School —a vigorous congregation—contributing for all purposes for the past year $2,461.48. The problem confronting this church is the erection of the main church building, as already and originally planned, and adding to its present chapel. To this end the congregation has now in bank about $3,600.00. Though there yet remains a debt, still the great need of the congregation is a new church, and it is the hope of the Board that they may secure it in the near future. The congregation supports its pastor and the only contribution from the Board is $49.09 interest on debt.

First Church, Norfolk.

This congregation is to be commended for its faith under a hard trial. After Rev. W. H. Riser became pastor he paid off a debt of $1,000.00 and made improvements at a cost of $400.00. The church was dedicated May, 1903, free of debt. On November 1, 1903, the congregation had their church destroyed by fire, with about $1,700.00 insurance. Heroically, the pastor and congregation determined to rebuild at once. An appeal was made to the Board for aid and we were compelled to decline because of lack of funds in the Treasury. The pastor, however, was authorized to make an appeal for help to the churches of the United Synod,

this being emphasized by a statement from the President of the Board. They received in response $650.94. Th new church will cost $4,893 and it is to be dedicated this summer free of debt. The membership is 170 and the Sunday School is 68. The Board pays $20.00 per month salary and the congregation $55.00. This is a most flourishing mission and in the near future will be self-sustaining.

Trinity, Newport News.

Since the last report this mission has done admirably under the care of Rev. E. A. Shenk. About $1,000.00 of its debt has been paid and the congregation is working to pay off another thousand this year. The membership has increased from 85 to 108, and the Sunday School numbers 193, and with cradle roll and home department 195. Material improvements have been made to the church and its total receipts for the past year amounted to $1,808.16. This work is very hopeful under the fine management of Mr. Shenk.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Pulaski and Radford.

Rev. P. E. Monroe resigned as pastor of this mission soon after the last meeting of the United Synod, and after a vacancy, Rev. D. S. Fox took charge May 15, 1903. The membership at Pulaski is about the same with a material increase at Radford. The Radford congregation needs badly a church building, worshipping at present in the Presbyterian church, and now has over $700.00 toward that object, and $400.00 due from the colored people to whom their former church was sold. A site has been selected and a church will be erected in the near future. Mr. Fox has been doing excellent work since assuming charge and the outlook is very favorable.

Graham and Bluefield.

Since our last report these two places have united in a pastorate. The Graham church has 74 members, with a Sunday School of 60. A new church is about completed, a description of which has been given in the papers. This point is very hopeful and the town growing, with a bright future. Emmanuel, Bluefield, has 34 members. The church is unfortunately located, and the long vacancies have made church attendance poor, making the work

difficult. Bluefield is a growing city of ten thousand and this work must be sustained. Rev. C. Willis Cassell, who took charge June 1, 1904, is the acceptable pastor, and his energy and devotion with the blessings of God, will establish the work in time.

The Coal Fields.

This work has great difficulties, yet it is truly a missionary work. A congregation was organized July 5, 1903, at Keystone, West Virginia, named St. Marks, with 8 members and seems hopeful. There are Lutheran people scattered throughout this section and many people who need the Gospel. The Board will ask the South-western Virginia Synod to take charge of this work in the coal fields, and give it proper care, believing that it properly belongs to that body and not to this Board.

Bristol, Tennessee.

This important place has been finally occupied, and the following history of the movement is given. In the fall of 1902, Dr. Phillippi, of Wytheville, Va., paid that point several visits for the purpose of looking after Lutheran interests there. Believing that the time was ripe for the resuscitation of the work there, he called the people together in the early part of the winter and effected an organization. As a membr of the committee from the South-western Virginia Synod to confer with the Holston Synod concerning the matter of jurisdiction in the case, he induced the representative of that Synod to turn over the work entirely to his Synod. A place of worship was secured and the Doctor supplied the mission with services every three weeks until the first of May, 1903. During this time he secured subscriptions amounting to about $2,000.00 and partially paid for a twenty-five hundred dollar lot.

In May Mr. E. H. Copenhaver began work, preaching every Sunday. He organized and kept up during the summer a prosperous Sunday School.

October 1, 1903, Pastor Paul Sieg was sent by the Executive Committee of the South-western Virginia Synod and the Mission Board of the United Synod to take charge of the work. He gave but half of his time until December 1. Since the subscriptions have been nearly doubled, the lot has been paid for, and the contract let for the erection of a church which, when completed and furnished, with the lot, will be worth about $10,000.00. The lot

is one of the most desirable in the city, but a block away from the street car line and the business and geographical center of the city.

The church will be red pressed brick with stone trimmings, and the extreme dimensions will be 61x74 ft. The style will be semi-Gothic. The interior will be conveniently arranged, containing, besides the main auditorium, a lecture room, two class rooms, and a pastor's study. The total seating capacity will be 520. Of this number the auditorium will seat 340. Ground for this structure was broken May 23. The walls and roof will be completed by September 1. How much further the work can be pushed at this time will depend upon the amount of additional assistance that can be secured by that time.

The mission is able to do this only by reason of the very generous loan of $2,500.00 for ten years without interest, with ten more years in which to return it, secured from the Church Extension Society of the South-western Virginia Synod. The Board contributes $250.00 per annum to the salary but has been unable to contribute anything to the building.

Lynchburg.

This Virginia city, centrally located, has been taken up by the Executive Committee of the South-western Virginia Synod. The work was inaugurated by Rev. C. K. Bell, of Salem, and this summer has been served by Mr. John C. Peery, of the Seminary. The Board has been requested to aid in this work and will have this as a question during the next bi-ennium. A city, such as Lynchburg, with 25,000 people, a business center of a large territory, growing and enterprising, should have a Lutheran church.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Greenville.

This mission is important to the Holston Synod. The mission has a splendid edifice and the congregation is reported to have a hopeful nucleus and by no means should be abandoned. It is now temporarily served by Rev. J. A. Linn, who began work in February, 1904, Rev. C. B. Cox, having resigned. The Board pays $6.00 per month on salary.

Morristown and Mohawk.

Rev. O. C. Peterson began work in this field February 1, 1903, succeeding Rev. Noah Bible. Morristown is the most important mission in the Holston Synod, being a great railway center. Membership is 20 and they pay $90.00 per year on salary. Mohawk is a small village and shows but little sign of growth, and the outlook is not promising to the congregation. The membership is 12 at this place, and they pay $30.00 on salary. The Board pays $10.00 per month on salary.

These Holston Missions are all connected with other congregations forming pastorates, and the work would cease but for that help. If the Holston Synod could possibly take this work, it would be wise, for it is too local and weak for the care of this Board. The Board should not be expected to spend its efforts with these conditions, for the local Synod could do the work so much better.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Winston.

Since the last United Synod, Mr. C. A. Richie served this congregation, except during the time from September, 1903, to May, 1904, at which latter date Rev. E. P. Conrad, a graduate of the Chicago Seminary, became pastor. Mr. Ritchie did fine work at Winston and was heartily supported by the congregation. In the autumn of 1902, on a petition of the Winston congregation, offering to pay the salary of the pastor provided the Board would liquidate the debt of $600.00 due by the congregation about which strife and differences of opinion had arisen in the church, the Board gave its consent, and during this bi-ennium that debt has been liquidated in full, amounting to $645.25. The Board by paying $25.00 per month on the debt, the amount formerly paid on pastor's salary, has made the church free of debt and the congregation self-sustaining.

Greensboro, Lexington, &c.

The Board has felt the need of work in these places and during the bi-ennium offered to co-operate with the North Carolina Synod's Executive Committee and the North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod in pushing these important points for our church. In the limited resources of the Board and the demands

on its income, the Board was not willing to begin this work, but agreed to pay one-third of the salary when the work could be inaugurated. It is to be regretted that nothing has been done because of circumstances over which the Board had no control. This work, it is to be hoped, can be prosecuted in the near future.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Atlanta.

The opportunities and prospects of the Atlanta Mission are not likely surpassed by any mission field and certainly by none in the Lutheran church in the South. A conservative estimate places the number of confirmed Lutherans in this city at five hundred, and it is not improbable that one thousand would be nearer correct. Many of these it is true lived there for years, and have become indifferent, but many of them can be reclaimed, and their children can be won, when the Atlanta church is properly equipped for the work. It is a condition not different from what might be expected, that only the most faithful ones and their children have left the splendid comfortable churches and well equipped Sunday Schools to come to a hall on the third floor of a building in an undesirable neighborhood. With such a large Lutheran constituency, to say nothing of the large numbers of people who have no church affiliation or preference, if a strong Lutheran congregation cannot be built up within a short time, then there is something wrong somewhere. The following statistics will show what progress has been made during the past 17 months:

Total enrollment of congregation, 79; accessions by letter of transfer, 50; accessions by professions of faith, 6; accessions by Confirmation, 8; infant baptisms, 11; loss by death, 1; losses by transfer, 2; enrollment of main school, 57; enrollment of home department, 135; enrollment of cradle roll, 25; offerings (congregation), $1,251.36; offerings (Sunday School), $116.63; offerings (Total), $1367.99.

A lot has been purchased at the corner of Trinity Avenue and Capitol Place, one block from the Capitol, and accessible to street cars to all parts of the city. A residence on this lot has been moved to the inside line where it is now occupied as a parsonage. It bears an insurance of $3,500.00. The purchase price was $6.200.00. The lot, had it been vacant, would probably have cost

as much, while in addition to a desirable lot large enough for the church building, the congregation has a good substantial parsonage.

The architect finished plans for a plain, but neat, church to seat about 275 or 300, and which will cost, built of brick or stone, about $8,000.00. The foundation is probably now completed. The superstructure can be built in ninety days when the money is within sight to pay the contractor. It is earnestly hoped that the church will be ready for occupancy in the early fall of this year.

Fitzgerald.

After the resignation of Rev. H. F. Long, this church was served by Rev. J. S. Elmore, President of the Georgia Synod, as a supply pastor. As Mr. Long owned the church property and was anxious to sell the same, President Elmore proposed to the Board to purchase the same for $500.00—Mr. Long's price, of which amount the congregation would pay $100.00, the Georgia Synod $150.00 and the Board $250.00, and that in the future the Georgia Synod would care for the mission. This proposition was accepted, the Board securing its $250.00 by a mortgage on the property. This arrangement settles a perplexing problem.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Goodman.

Rev. J. L. Derrick has continued to serve this mission, and has been much employed in looking after our church interest in this State. There are many discouraging conditions in this section and little promise of growth. The church at Goodman has 54 members, and the Board pays on salary $15.00 per month. One of the chief troubles is men for the field, together with ample support for them. The problem of our church in this State is one of great perplexity.

The question of a State Missionary for this State was referred to this Board and after due consideration it is our judgment that the Board could not co-operate in such a movement, first, because the Board has not the money to expend for that purpose; second, because successful Home Mission work is only accomplished by liberal support in the erection of churches, etc. The Board at present is hampered not because the "open doors" for hopeful Home Missions are not on every hand but because of our inability

to go in and aid in building the necessary churches. A State Missionary to do good work would require a large sum of money to plant the church.

Apportionments of Synods and Responses.

For general information we submit the apportionments and amounts paid by the district Synods from May 1, 1902, to July 1, 1904. These apportionments are for two years on basis of 20 cents per capita for membership reported in Minutes of 1901.

Home Mission Apportionment.

Synod	Members	Apportionment	Paid
North Carolina	7600	3040 00	1258 34
South Carolina	9000	3920 00	1411 66
Tennessee	8000	3200 00	440 14
Virginia	6200	2480 00	1788 47
Southwestern Virginia	4400	1760 00	948 22
Georgia	2475	990 00	544 68
Holston	1500	600 00	153 07
Mississippi	700	280 00	59 60
Totals	40675	$16270 00	$6604 18

Tabulated Statement of Missions Organized and Aided by the Board Since 1888.

STATIONS	Members		Value of Church Property	Debt	Monthly Salary	
	Congregational	Sunday School			Congregation	Board
Knoxville, Tenn.	100	90	10000			
Augusta, Ga.	201	95	12500			
Richmond, Va.	340	171	18000	7300	75 00	
Norfolk, Va	170	80	8000		55 00	20 00
Newport News, Va.	106	103	8000	3000	23 00	40 00
Pulaski, Va	53	78	5500		25 00	20 83
Radford, Va	29					
Bluefield, W. Va	34	24	1500		16 66	16 66
Graham, Va.	74	55	2500			
Greenville, Tenn	20	14	2500	800		10 00
Mohawk, Tenn.	11		850	100		
Morristown, Tenn	25	15	2500	600	2 08	6 00
Winston, N. C.	110	55	13450		50 00	
Atlanta, Ga.	79	56			25 00	50 00
Fitzgerald, Ga.	42	40	1000			
Goodman, Miss.	54	25	500			15 00
Bristol, Tenn	34	51			9 00	20 83
Totals	1382	952	$86800	$11800	$280 74	$259 29

Rules and Regulations For the Work.

The Board of Missions has never adopted in the past rules and regulations for the conduct of its work. As a result misunderstandings have arisen and the Board judges it wise at this time to offer to the United Synod for its adoption such rules as the past experience of this Board and other boards certifies as the true policy to govern the work.

1. The Board shall have two funds, known as the "Loan Fund" and the "Donation Fund" to be used in its church extension work, and one fund known as "Salary Fund." The receipts for Home

Missions shall be apportioned to these three Funds as the Board judges the needs of the work require.

2. All churches asking aid from the Board must first submit their plans, specifications and bids to said Board, before any action can be taken on their applications. Their plans must first be approved by the Board.

3. Only organized congregations connected with some district Synod in the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South shall obtain loans from this Fund.

4. The amount of a loan to a congregation shall be much less than amount raised by the congregation, unless in extreme cases, of which the Board shall be the Judge.

5. No loan shall be made for a period longer than 10 years, nor for a larger amount than $3,000.000, and only in extreme cases shall the loan be increased.

6. Loans may be made to bear interest at such a rate and from such a time, as the Board may determine; and shall be secured by the best and safest lien, or other approved security.

7. The principal of the Loan Fund shall in no case be reduced by making donations therefrom.

8. The Board requires congregations who have loans, to keep up Insurance on their church buildings and transfer their policies to the Board as collateral security.

9. Contributions to the general cause, or donations to special churches shall not be acknowledged as payment on loans.

10. No donation shall exceed $100.00.

11. No donation shall be given to congregations for repairing or enlarging church buildings.

12. No donation shall be made to a church costing over $2,500.

13. No donations shall be made to churches in old settled communities, nor for liquidating church debts, except in extraordinary cases of which the Board shall be the judge.

14. In extreme cases, donations may be made to churches, in addition to loans, when loans are inadequate, but of such cases, the Board must judge.

15. Donations shall be secured to the Board by a conditional mortgage to secure such donations against loss in case of dis memberment of a congregation receiving such aid, or of dissolution of its connection with the United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South.

16. Congregations applying for aid must be organized, and capable in law to hold property and give security.

17. Congregations receiving donations must have sufficient Insurance on their buildings to secure them against loss by fire.

The Atlanta Appeal.

In accordance with the policy of the Board and its resolution, the Executive Committee made an appeal for the $5,000.00 Fund for a church building for Atlanta. This appeal was made in the spring of 1903, and Whit Sunday was the day set apart for offerings for this purpose. A circular letter was sent to each pastor in the United Synod and envelopes to all who requested them. In answer to this appeal $2,172.14 was received, contributed by about 150 churches throughout the South, leaving 246 congregations contributing nothing, if the statistics given in the last Minutes of the United Synod be correct. If 150 churches can give over $2,200.00, should not the balance raise the $1,500.00 needed? It is plain that the church South is poorly organized, when so large a percentage of our pastors and congregations fail to co-operate in such work as the Atlanta mission. As a consequence of this apathy and neglect to co-operate, with $1,300.00 as beginning and adding to it the returns from these 150 churches, the Board has a total of only $3,478.14 towards the $5,000.00, leaving a balance of $1,300.00 yet to be raised. How easily and speedily could Atlanta have been aided, had all co-operated and givn to this cause. It would have stimulated the whole Southern Church in Mission work. The Board begins the new bi-ennium with this deficit to Atlanta as its great regret.

The following shows approximately the amounts given to Atlanta by the district Synods, passing through the Board's treasury. Also the source of the Fund to date to be applied to the $5,000.00 pledged by Board to Atlanta. This includes collection of Rev. Mr. Cronk to July 1, 1904, credited to district Synods on apportionment to this Fund:

Collections by Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., when Secretary	$ 695 00
Gift of member of the Virginia Synod	605.00
North Carolina Synod	344 11
Tenessee Synod	47 34
Virginia Synod	776 99
South Carolina Synod	743 23
South-western Virginia Synod	152 15

Georgia Synod	394 89
Holston Synod	67 12
Mississippi Synod	9 55
Total	$3,841 38

The Results and the Needs.

In reviewing the Home work for the past bi-ennium there are evidences of development and permanent growth. Richmond, Norfolk, and Newport News have done successful work, and these congregations, greatly strengthened, have a bright outlook for the future. Winston has made a great stride in that it is now self-sustaining, with no debt, and about $1,500 in hand for a parsonage. Atlanta has bought lot, the church is ready to be built, and the outlook is full of promise. Bristol has been organized, a lot bought and paid for, and a church building in the course of erection. Fitzgerald is safely established, and Graham is forging ahead with a new church building. The missions in the larger cities in the territory of the United Synod of the South have done well and grown, while some of the rural work, like that in the Holston Synod, and the coal fields of Va., has shown no development and has little promise. But, all in all, there is much to encourage the Church and to stimulate to sacrificing effort, that the Church may be established in the leading cities in the South. The Church can be planted in cities like Lynchburg in Virginia; Greensboro, in North Carolina; Spartanburg, in South Carolina; Brunswick, in Georgia; Jackson, in Mississippi, for Lutheran people are in these centers of business life, drawn thither by their business opportunities, and great has been the loss to our Church in all these cities by our material entering other churches. This is so of almost every city in the South-land.

The great need is money—not simply money to send a missionary to the field, but money also to aid him in securing a church home. It is easy to commission a missionary and pay him a monthly salary, but it will require from $2,000.00 to $3,000.00, under most economical management, to occupy any Southern cities. With our meager income absorbed by monthly salaries, what can the Board do to plant the Church in these growing cities? And unless the church co-operates and concentrates in this work, the years will go by and little be accomplished. It is to be hoped that our Home work may be so organized at this

Convention that these growing cities of the South may be occupied. This can be done if every one of our 40,000 Lutherans would contribute and contribute liberally to this great cause.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Japan

The passing of two years since our last Convention at Charleston has brought changes of deep interest to the Church. During this bi-ennium the Church has witnessed the growth of that work and has heard of the larger demands upon our means in order that we may more effectually enter the open door of Japan. The Board believes that this work, which is so dear to all of our people who want to obey the Saviour's last command, promises most hopefully, and the knowledge of the great opportunities which are opening up to us in that distant land should inspire and stimulate our people to labor and sacrifice more earnestly during the coming bi-ennium so that, with God's blessing and favor, our brethren and work in that foreign field may be strengthened and upheld. It becomes our duty to narrate the salient points of this work, as follows:

The Furlough of Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D.

The Charleston Cenvention approved of the granting of a furlough to visit the homeland to our senior missionary, Dr. Peery, together with his faimly, and to that end authorized a special call to the churches for a furlough fund of $800.00. The resolutions granting this furlough made it commence at the beginning of the summer vacation of 1903, about July, but on request he was authorized to leave Japan in time to be at Roanoke's Semi-Centennial, and, on further request of Dr. Peery stating that he had exceptional opportunities to take the European route, he was authorized to leave Japan in April. Dr. Peery accordingly left Japan April 15, 1903, and returned home by the European route, travelling through Russia, Germany, England, etc., and landing in New York June 15, 1903. From there he went to Wytheville, Va., whither his family had preceeded him. During the remainder of the year 1903 and until June 1904, Dr. Peery visited Synods, Conferences, Mission meetings and churches, presenting the foreign work. In addition he visited various places and Conventions of our Church in the North, where he made numerous

addresses on the foreign work of the Southern Church. The Board requested as little time as possible of Dr. Peery, considering that the chief end of the furlough was to rest and recuperate, preparatory to his return to the field. The Board testifies that Dr. Peery gladly and willingly responded to all the requests made of him, and that, though the Board paid his expenses in visitation, the offerings of the people were in excess of his expenses. The $800.00 furlough fund, which was needed, was apportioned among the various Synods, and, in response, $713.63 was received. The travelling expenses of Dr. Peery and his family from Japan to Wytheville, Va., cost the Board $729.14, leaving a deficit of $15.51, which was paid from the general foreign fund.

Recommendations From Japan.

At the Board meeting in Winchester August 18, 1903, two communications from the Mission Conference in Japan were presented, embodying certain recommendations. The first was an appeal for an increase in salaries and specific rules for furloughs. The paper is voluminous, too much so to be incorporated in this report, presenting arguments for the increase desired. This communication is filed with this report, marked "A." Three propositions are argued as follows:

"1. The object of every Board should be to pay its missionaries a salary fully adequate for the needs of their peculiar life.

"2. This salary should not necessarily remain fixed for an indefinite period, but should be increased or decreased as conditions of living undergo considerable change.

"3. Admitting the above propositions, the salaries now paid are inadequate to our needs."

These propositions were fully and elaborately stated, together with facts and figures from other Boards, and the following proposals were offered, in this communication by the Japan Conference, either of which would be acceptable to the missionaries.

"1.—Child's Allowance Plan:

"Married men, fixed salary $1,100 00

"For every child 100 00

"This allowance to extend to only four children and to be continued no longer than 20 years. No health allowance."

"2—Graded Salary Plan:

"Married men, fixed salary. . . . . $1200 00 first five years

"Married men, fixed salary. . . . . 1300 00 next five years

"Married men, fixed salary .. .. 1400 00 to end of service.
"No health allowance."

In this paper was requested a rule for furloughs every seven or eight or nine years, with a furlough salary of $800.00 and house rent.

The Board in view of the fact that the United Synod had provided only $6,500.00 per annum for the foreign fund, and that amount not fully raised, referred these requests of the Mission Conference to this Convention of the United Synod, knowing that with the present income it would be impossible to grant these increased allowances. At the same time a committee was appointed to report rules and regulations for the government of our Japan Mission.

Expansion.

The second paper took up the question of expansion, and the Board referred the paper to the United Synod for action. It is inserted here in full for your examination and careful consideration:

A time has come in the history of the Japan Mission when in the opinion of the missionaries on the field, considerable expansion is absolutely necessary for the future success of the work. Present conditions are eminently unsatisfactory; and we think there should be a frank recognition of the fact and a strong effort made to effect the necessary changes. At present our work is too much of a feeder to the large missions and we find it very difficult to hold the converts we gather. All the promising young men in the country inevitably drift into the great cities; and as we have no work there a large per cent. of our young men go off to other bodies, and are lost to us. We have enough members in Tokyo now to form the nucleus of a good church, if we were only able to look after them.

As long as our work is confined to the interior cities of Kyushu it must be very limited in its scope and influence. We believe God sent us here to be a leavening power in Japanese Christianity; and that it is the duty of our Church to uphold the dignity of the Word and Sacraments, and all other good things for which Lutheranism stands in Japan. But in our present location, and with our small numbers, we can exert little influence upon the general Christianity of the Empire. We need to be in the centers of life and population, along with the old and large bodies; and to

have a work sufficiently extensive to command their respect. Unless we can have such a work, we have no prospect of building up a permanent and distinctive Lutheran Church in Japan.

The above facts impel us to offer the following recommendations to the Board:

1. That steps be taken looking to the establishment of a regular Theological School, with Preparatory Department, furnished with such buildings as may be necessary; and that certain men be set aside for this special work.

The work of the evangelization in Japan, as in other fields must be done largely through a strong and consecrated native ministry. Education and progress are so diffused in Japan that successful native ministers must be men of thorough training. Such men cannot be satisfactorily instructed by busy missionaries at their homes. The results of that system are just as unsatisfactory in Japan as they are in America. And even if we could train efficient workers in that way, we cannot secure and hold the men for such a course. American youth are not satisfied to stay in the country and study privately under a pastor when large well-equipped seminaries are open to them; and neither are Japanese youth willing to do so. Large schools of other denominations in the centers of population are ready to welcome and support them; and denominational differences do not seem of sufficient importance to cause them to make the necessary sacrifices, and stay with us. To train an adequate ministry we must have a regular theological school.

Very few students of government schools can be drawn into the ministry; and it seems necessary at present that we accept candidates of little education and give them preparatory training ourselves. This makes it obligatory that we have a Preparatory Department in connection with a Seminary.

2. We would recommend, in the second place, that a new station be opened in Tokyo, and another one in Osaga or Kyoto. This would give us representation in both of the great centers of Japanese life; would bring us into contact with the larger bodies; and would enable us to hold many of our converts who now drift away to other folds.

We recognize that to carry out these recommendations would mean the expenditure of a considerable sum of money. Where is that money to come from?

We record our acknowledgment and appreciation of the fact that the interest and contributions of our people to this Japan work have been growing in recent years, and we confidently look forward to increased liberality in the future. But at the same time we fear that the Southern Church alone will not establish and maintain such a work here as the exigencies of the case demand; and we would respectfully suggest and urge, that efforts be made to induce the General Synod and General Council to come to our aid. If each of these bodies would spend annually a sum equal to that which our United Synod spends in Japan we would carry on a good work here.

Could they be led to undertake such a work? We cannot speak on that subject further than to remind you that two of our missionaries were educated in the schools of the General Council and one in that of the General Synod; and that those bodies have always shown a lively interest in the work we are doing. A daughter of one of the professors in a Council Seminanry is in our Mission. The man who had most to do with the founding of the Japan Mission, Dr. Horn, is now a prominent man in the General Council and is a friend of the work. As we have these points of connection with these bodies we feel that overtures from you would be seriously and prayerfully considered by them. May these connections not be by providential arrangeemnt, so that the three English-speaking bodies can ultimately unite in one foreign mission work? And would not such a movement be an object lesson of the unity of our beloved Church? and an additional incentive to closer union?

Corporate unions of Boards and Missions would not be necessary. Each could have its own field and its own work; while we would unite in educational and publishing enterprises and the native church would be one. The different Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopalian and Baptist churches in Japan work together on that basis; each denominational family uniting in building up one native church, while the Missions maintain their separate fields and organizations. If they can do this, why can not the Lutheran bodies? We would still have our distinct field and work; but it would be a part of a larger, more hopeful, and more permanent work.

Doubtless certain difficulties would be encountered in the execution of this plan; but if we realize our present unsatisfactory

condition, and meet these difficulties with courage and resolution, we believe they can be surmounted.

The times and conditions imperatively call for advance, and it has seemed to us that it can be made in some such way as this. These recommendations are born of long thinking, earnest prayer, and much talk among ourselves; and we bespeak for them your serious and sympathetic consideration.

R. B. Peery,
C. L. Brown.
C. K. Lippard.

RULES FOR THE JAPAN MISSION.

The Board of Missions has never recommended to the United Synod general rules for the government of our work. The work has grown, questions arising daily which assure the Board that the time has come for such regulations. With definite and specific principles adopted, misunderstandings between missionaries and Board could not arise. Therefore the Board at its meeting in Salem in June, 1904, after a long and earnest consideration adopted the rules here presented for your approval. The manuals of many Boards of the great and smaller denominations, both North and South, were consulted, and these rules here presented are the adaptation of our wisdom and experience and of other Boards to our work.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE JAPANESE MISSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

1.—Name.

The Japanese Mission of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2.—Aim.

As the supreme end of Missionary life and service is the preaching of Christ and Him crucified to heathen peoples, all forms of work in the Mission must be subordinated to this end. The missionaries are charged to bear the Gospel faithfully to the communities in which they are located and to seek the establishment of self-supporting, self-governing Evangelical Lutheran churches under the care of a native ministry. The missionaries

must constantly encourage the native Christians in the matter of the religious education of their children, the support of their native preachers and teachers, the defraying of the current expenses of their churches and the relief of their needy brethren.

3.—The Missionaries.

The United Synod through its Board of Missions calls the missionaries, assigns their fields of labor and prescribes their duties. The missionaries are required to be sound in body, of deep piety, liberal culture and of sympathetic and consecrated spirit. They shall pledge themselves to live according to the precepts of the Gospel and to teach in accordance with the doctrinal basis of the United Synod; to be subject to the instructions of the Board in their respective fields of service; to live and labor in fraternal relations to each other and to refrain from conduct which will awaken undue prejudice or interfere with their usefulness in the communities in which they minister.

In selecting missionaries the Board understands that candidates pledge themselves to continue the work through life, except for weighty reasons. If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis aforesaid or defective in moral character, or disobedient to instructions, or for other reasons prove unqualified for the pursuance of his work, the Board possesses the inherent right to dissolve the connection. In the event the missionary withdraws from service for reasons considered sufficient by the Board, it will defray the expenses of his return to this country, provided the return is promptly made.

The whole time and strength of the missionaries shall be given to the work of the Mission. Additional work of an industrial, mercantile or literary character must not be undertaken without the permission of the Board.

Recalls.

If the missionary should prove physically disqualified for the work or cannot work harmoniously with his associates, or should it appear that his usefulness on the field is open to serious question for other reasons, the Board possesses the inherent right to dissolve the connection by recall. In this event, the Board will pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made, and will

also pay furlough salary without other allowances for three months from the date of the issuance of the recall.

Dismissals.

If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis aforesaid, or defective in moral character, or disobedient to plain instructions, the Board possesses the inherent right to dismiss him from its service. In this event, the Board will pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made; but all salaries and allowances will cease from the date of dismissal.

Resignations.

The Board will pay the return expenses of missionaries who resign on the field for reasons satisfactory to the Board, and will also pay furlough salary for three months from the date of such resignation. Should the missionary resign for reasons not satisfactory to the Board, it will pay the return expenses on same conditions as in dismissal, and salary and allowances will also cease from date of resignation. The salary of missionaries who resign while on furlough will cease from the date of such resignation, unless it can be clearly shown to the Board that such resignation grew out of contingencies which the missionary had not aforeseen and could not control. In this event the Board may, at its pleasure, continue the furlough salary for any period not longer than three months from the date of such resignation.

Property.

No property is to be purchased or sold nor any building erected for the Board without its sanction. All property given or purchased for the use of the Board shall be at once transferred thereto by title deeds which shall be duly recorded in accordance with the laws governing property in the mission territory. If the law will not allow such tenure, the property shall be held in the corporate name of the Board. If recorded in the name of individuals the record should explicitly show that the individuals are trustees for the Board. Copies of all conveyances with diagrams of land and buildings thereon are to be sent to the Board. No repairs to property involving considerable sums are to be made without the consent of the Board.

Taxes And Insurance.

1. All buildings owned by the Board shall be insured, when it can be done at a reasonable rate in safe companies.

2. The Board will pay taxes and insurance on its own property while occupied by missionaries or on the property rented for its use, if that is customary; and will make such repairs to rented property as renters generally make; but will expect owners of rented property to make such repairs as are generally made by owners.

Extension of Work.

Extension of work requiring expenditures for property or the opening up of new centres for missionary operation should have the authorization of the Board. Written application with the concurrence and recommendation of all the missionaries should be forwarded to the Board for its action.

Reports.

It shall be the duty of the missionaries to make to the Board a quarterly report on uniform blanks. The report shall cover the special work and station of the reporting missionary.

Missionary Expenses And Salary.

1. The necessary and economical expenses of direct journey to their fields shall be paid by the treasurer of the Board. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes or of intentional delay on the way, must be borne by the missionary.

2. Each missionary shall receive $100.00 as outfit on first going to the mission.

3. Each single missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following schedule: First three years, $600.00; next five years, $700.00; next eight years, $800.00; afterwards, $1,000.00 per annum; and to each married missionary an annual salary shall be paid as follows: First three years, $1,000.00; next two years, $1,050.00; next three years, 1,100.00; next six years, $1,200.00; afterwards, $1,300.00. The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arrival on the field and cease on the day he leaves the field.

4. Missionaries shall receive no salary or furlough allowances during transit to or from the mission field, except in case of married missionaries necessarily separated from their families, when, in view of such separation, such allowances shall be granted as the Board may deem just.

5. Missionaries are not permitted to receive for themselves

compensation for services rendered to others. Any compensation or reward received for such services shall be paid into the Mission treasury, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Moneys given or sent to any missionary for the use of the Mission must be entered in the Mission accounts.

6. The salary above stated is designed to cover all expenses of the missionary and family except these special allowances:

(a) A dwelling for the missionary and family, with heavy furniture.

(b) The sum of $75.00 yearly for teacher's allowances, and the sum of $25.00 yearly for health allowances while on the field.

(c) Actual travelling expenses whilst in the service in the field or whilst visiting the churches under the direction of the Board. on furlough.

(d) Official postage.

Vacation And Furlough.

1. If the condition of the work will permit, each missionary is entitled to a vacation during the warm period of each year for six weeks on full salary.

2. If the condition of the work will permit, each missionary is entitled to return home after the first eight years of service. The expenses of the direct voyage shall be paid by the mission treasurer. The length of the furlough shall be determined by the Board with regard to the physical condition of the missionary and the needs of the work, and ordinarly, the furlough to extend not more than one year. During such furlough the missionary shall be entitled to receive three-fourths of his regular salary. The furlough salary shall begin on the day of the missionary's arrival in the home-land from the field and shall end on the day of his departure to return. No allowance for house rent shall be made, except at the discretion of the Board.

3. Missionaries are expected whilst on furlough to avail themselves of all reasonable opportunities under the direction of the Board to increase the zeal and interest of individuals and organizations in their mission work. Such service must not interfere, however, with due care of health and with their recuperation for their return to the field.

Mission Treasurer.

The Mission shall elect one of its members treasurer, the elec-

tion to be reported to the Board and subject to its approval. It shall be his duty to preserve all deeds for Mission property and all other papers connected with the work; to keep in an official book clear and accurate accounts of all receipts and payments with vouchers therefor, and to disburse the funds transmitted to him by the Board. He shall deposit these funds in an aproved banking place and render a monthly statement of all financial transactions.

OUR RELATION TO OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES.

The missionaries of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America have been intimately associated with our missionaries in Japan, and together they have labored to forward and build up a Japanese Lutheran Church. The Board has received the following letter which will be gratifying to our body, and a proper response should be made by the United Synod:

Waupaca, Winconsin, June 14, 1904.

The United Synod South:

Grace and Peace. The United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in annual convention assembled, desires to express our hearty thankfulness to the Lutheran Mission for the kindness your missionaries in Japan have shown our missionaries there, and we desire to state, that it is our hope and desire that those friendly relations may continue and, if possible, grow stronger.

Fraternally yours, L. Johnson.

Secretary United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Synod in America.

Also several missionaries of the Church of Finland have co-operated in work with our mission, and Dr. Peery on his journey home, visited these brethren of the faith in Finland. Dr. Peery, at the meeting of the Board in Winchester, requested permission for our missionaris to participate in the ordination of a missionary to be sent out by a Missionary Society of Finland, to which request the Board responded favorably. It is gratifying that this spirit of fellowship and co-operation has a place in Lutheran missionary work, and may we not hope for one united Lutheran host in that far-off land.

THE WORK OF THE BI-ENNIUM.

During the bi-ennium a second edition of Luther's Catechism has been published, the United Danish Lutheran Church co-operating and bearing part of the expense. A publication for circu-

lation to the churches at home, prepared by the missionaries and to be printed in Japan, telling of the work and its needs has been authorized by the Board but has not yet been issued. The Kumamoto parsonage has been bought, improved and furnished for the use of Mr. Brown, and, through the interest of the young people of Grace Church, Winchester, Va., a chapel has been bought in Saga. An additional fund has also been raised to supplement the Scherer Memorial Fund so that a good church edifice can be secured in Kumamoto. The work of the Mission has been blessed and progress has been made, as all know who keep in touch with the letters to our church papers from the field. The report of the Mission and its statistical table give much encouragement and hope for future success.

BI-ENNIUM REPORT OF JAPAN MISSION FOR 1902-03.

The following report of the Mission, written by Mr. Brown, is incorporated in this report for information:

General Survey.

Up until the last few months there have been no political movements in Japan of interest to the Board since the last biennium report. The Cabinet under Count Katsura has remained in power since June, 1901. Much interest has centered around the relations of the Lower House (of Representatives) to the Ministry of the Crown. Owing to the inability of these two bodies to agree the former has been dissolved twice in the past two years, once in connection with the Land Tax question and recently in connection with the Russo-Japanese complications. The chief question of interest here is that of ministerial responsibility and party government. Some contend for party cabinets and would make them responsible to their respective political parties. Others favor cabinets appointed by and responsible to the Crown alone. The real issue is concerning Constitutional rights. If the Cabinet and Lower House are constantly to disagree and the latter can be dissolved at will by the former, which is responsible to the Crown alone, where are the liberties of the Constitution? Those contending for Government as over against Party Cabinets maintain that true constitutional government in Japan is yet an impossibility. There is a large grain of truth in this contention. Japan has evolved rapidly and wonderfully, but it is a question whether the evolution has been thorough enough to intrust the most vital questions of State entirely into the hands of the people.

Further progress along this line will be watched with great interest by the friends of Japan and constitutional government.

The general remarks of the last bi-ennium report closed with observations about the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, which had just been concluded. This Alliance had as its great object the maintenance of peace in the Far East. Most of us firmly believed that the power of England and Japan combined would restrain and confine to proper bounds Russian ambition. But, while the Alliance has not failed to produce good, the peace of the Far East has not been kept. Japan became very restless last summer from the time that Russia failed to observe her promise as to the evacuation of Manchuria. The entire fall was consumed in every earnest endeavor on the part of Japan to reach a satisfactory settlement. It seems clear enough that Russia has not acted the part of an honest nation. On the other hand Japan has proceeded from the first with such moderation and patience as to gain the confidence and sympathy of almost the entire world.

Having exhausted every means of a peaceable settlement Japan declared war the first of February. Up to the present writing the Japanese fleet has gained signal victories and may be said to have complete command of the sea. Corea has been brought under the domination of Japan, in exchange for which Japan guarantees Corean independence. In short, in every respect, Japan has shown herself a most capable nation, worthy the attention of all Western people and particularly of the Christian Church.

The question here arises: What effect will the war likely have on the work of Christian missions? Will it be baneful of beneficial? The question, of course, cannot be answered correctly at this early date; but still it is one of such large importance and intense interest that some consideration must be given it in this report.

Men naturally differ in their ideas. One Japanese evangelist of first rank remarked in a public address that if Japan were successful the vast majority of his countrymen would become even more proud and materialistic than since the war with China ten years ago. "Having beaten one of the great Christian nations and shown more mercy and benevolence than our rival, what need have we of the boasted Christian religion?" will be the thought, according to this gentleman, of most Japanese. I must say that this view is reasonable and accords with many facts

of history and human nature. Undoubtedly this would be the effect on many minds.

But what seems to me a better and more correct view is that which would consider the question in its relation to the evolution of Japan during the past three or four decades. When Commodore Perry came to Japan he found the country split up into many clans, each the enemy of the other. A central power was maintained only by force. The clan spirit was foremost. A few years of transformation developed a true national spirit; and one of the most remarkable incidents in history occurred when all the great daimyo or feudal lords resigned their authority and estates and submitted to the Government without a blow. The national spirit had been born, and any sacrifice was willingly made to maintain a central government and resist foreign aggression. To safeguard her rights as a nation Japan fought the war with China.

But since that time still another thought has been growing and ever widening in the Japanese mind. This thought relates to the position, influence and responsibility of the future Japan as a world power. The present war is being fought: (1) To safeguard the very independence of Japan as a nation, which is menaced; (2) To prevent national seclusion and induce future progress, for which the open-door in China and Corea is essential; (3) In the interest of the world's civilization, which would not be advanced by Russian domination in the Far East.

Now, it is not improbable that if Japan should find herself a world-power at the close of the war she would indeed be proud of her achievements and new responsibilities; but at the same time she would be sobered by her new position, and instead of boasting would cast about more earnestly for a sure foundation for national greatness. There are too many sincere and earnest minds in Japan to admit of the nation wasting her responsibilities and opportunities in pride and boasting. Moreover, the more intelligent know even now that it is precisely because Russia has not played the part of a just, civilized and Christian nation that the other nations are giving their moral support to Japan. A victory for Japan would make a sure moral foundation for the people all the more necessary; the anti-foreign spirit would be still further decreased; and the nation would, therefore, be all the more willing to examine the claims of Christianity.

The effect on the Christian Church of Japan would undoubtedly be great. Pastors are already considering the duty of Japanese

Christians to send missionaries to China and Corea. Just as the life of the nation would be broadened and quickened so would the life of the Church. Japanese Christians would not be content simply to receive help from abroad. Very likely a church pride would arise which would hasten self-support. God would doubtless overrule such pride and independent spirit for the good of the Church in Japan by hastening the day of an independent church able to support itself and reach out to China and Corea.

On the other hand the question arises: What would be the effect on Japan and the Japanese Church in case of a Japanese defeat? Japan's cause seems so just and reasonable to the writer that he does not care to discuss this phase of the question. Such an issue would most certainly produce national pessimism and a greatly accentuated anti-foreign feeling, which condition would not be conducive to the progress of Christian work. The country would be greatly impoverished, and hence as a matter of course self-support for the churches would still be a problem of the far future.

In closing these remarks I should say that the friendly attitude of America and England in particular has contributed very much to allay any hostile feelings toward citizens of these nations. We are looked upon as friends and are in just as good a position to work for the Master as formerly. But of course, these remarks do not apply to the large number of ignorant persons who do not distinguish one foreigner from another.

There have been no great Christian movements in Japan during the past two years. The work of the Christian Church has moved on in a perfectly normal manner. Owing to a serious accident to a member of the statistical committee the figures for last year have not yet been issued; but it is safe to estimate the net gain of all Protestant bodies at about 2,000 for the two years. Benevolence has been marked and steady in its development. This applies to both Christian and non-Christian circles; but among non-Christians may be considered entirely as one of the effects of Christian missions. And the most interesting fact is that even non-Christians, and in a few cases Buddhist priests, have in various ways supported Christian charitable institutions. In 1902, Mr. Ishii, manager of a prosperous Christian orphanage, was even decorated by the Emperor for 15 years' service in the cause of charity. In short, the breach dividing Christianity and heathenism in Japan is steadily decreasing. Popular prejudice

is rapidly being disarmed. We believe we are soon to enter upon that condition in which the large number who are now passive or kindly interested only will become active and earnest supporters of Christianity.

A great blow to the Christian cause in Japan was the death,, late in 1903, of Mr. Kataoka Kenkichi. He was a noble Christian gentleman of most upright character. He was prominent in politics and for many years president of House of Representatives. He held his high position almost solely by virtue of his strictly honest and upright character. He was a man of prayer and strong faith, who let his light shine even in his public life. As president also of the Doshisha University and chairman of the Mission Board of the independent Presbyterian churches he was constantly engaged in active Christian work. His death was mourned by the whole nation. The Emperor showed him every honor due him. He was a fine type of the Christian statesman.

Review of Our Own Work.

In our own field we have had the usual discouragements due to our small force and our circumscribed sphere; otherwise the work continues encouraging and progressive. We are truly thankful to God that we can report 62 baptisms and 12 additions by letter, total 74, which is double the increase reported last time.

Saga.

In Saga the church building gave room for larger audiences, and thus has been a real help in our work . Just before Dr. Peery's return to America the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Japan Mission was celebrated in the church building. In addition to the regular services on Sunday at the church weekly public preaching has been conducted at three and four places in and out of the city. Recently we resumed work at the large town, Ogi, about ten miles from Saga. A new railroad now touches Ogi, making the place easy of access. Hitherto Ogi had been worked from Saga. Finding this unsatisfactory we have just placed there a local evangelist. This is equivalent to starting a new center of work.

Mrs. Lippard has successfully engaged in kindergarten work for the past 18 months. This is an entirely new departure in the Mission and thus far has had only beneficial results.

Kumamoto.

When the last report was written Kumamoto was a new field just opened as a center of work and missionary residence. Hence what follows will be in place.

During the past bi-ennium 18 persons were baptized and five received by letter. We now have on the church roll 25 adult members and 11 children. Attendance 30, which is better than formerly. We are hopeful of building up a good congregation as the years go by.

In addition to the regular services of the congregation we hold two public meetings weekly. These are at the street-side chapel and are the best attended of any in the city, the number ranging from 25 to 150 persons.

Mrs. Brown's classes for young women and Sunday schools for children are well attended and bring forth good results. Each class of girls is taught the Bible 30 minutes.

Omuta.

Particular attention must be called to this new field. Omuta is a prosperous coal town of 25,000 inhabitants, and distant from Kumamoto about one hour and thirty minutes by train. Evangelist Wasa was placed there little more than a year ago. Unusual success has attended his efforts from the first. I have baptized there 12 adults. It is my rule to visit Omuta twice every month. This work, including all expenses, has cost the Mission about $200.00. This is out third station in importance.

Theological Instruction.

Dr. Peery's return on furlough made it necessary for the writer to take up this work. Accordingly in the fall of 1903 Yokota San was called to Kumamoto and theological instruction begun October 1. He was taught the usual branches for second-year students in America, Ethics and Psychology being added. Rev. Naomaru gave four hours to this work, the writer 12 hours per week.

But unfortunately the Russo-Japanese complication made it necessary for Yokota San to abandon his studies and proceed to the front the first of February. There being no other students the school is temporarily closed.

This calls to mind the very discouraging position of our Mission in this respect. We have fine young men in our churches;

but they do not feel called to the ministry. The brightest boy in the Government College at Kumamoto is one of our members. When I spoke to him of the Christain ministry he was simply startled. We must still pray that these young men may be led to consider the Christian ministry as a possible field of useful service.

The difficulties of our own Mission are greatly increased by the absence of schools for educating and training suitable young men. And just here I wish to explain a sentence in my last bi-ennium report incorporated into the Board's report to the United Synod. On Page 18, eighth line from the bottom, are these words: "We have no schools, and wisely so." The writer's meaning was simply that with our limited resources it would have been a mistaken policy to spend thousands on school work. When only one form of work can be supported, purely evangelistic work must take the precedence. But, of course, if our resources will admit we ought by all means support our evangelistic efforts by necessary education. In fact, some change of policy in this regard seems essential.

So far as theology is concerned, when Dr. Peery returns to Japan we hope some arrangement can be made whereby better facilities for theological instruction can be obtained. We would start with the following plan:

Establish a third missionary station. In the present condition of our work it is decidedly very unwise to place two missionaries in one city. By all means each of our three men should have a separate field. Being the senior member of the Mission, Dr. Peery should be made a director of a theological school, and this school should be taught wherever he resides. The other missionaries should be members of the faculty and should visit the school and teach on certain days. Care would have to be taken that the school be not established out of reach of the other missionaries. A little extra rent and travelling expenses would be the only additional expense.

Our Needs.

1. We wish to emphasize again needs Nos. 1 and 4 recorded in our last bi-ennium report. These refer to new evangelists and earnest prayer that God will raise up such unto our work; and the necessity for a church home in Kumamoto.

2. We wish to direct attention to the necessity for expansion

as far as possible along the lines indicated in the Recommendations presented by the Mission last year through Dr. Peery.

3. To carry on the ordinary work of the Mission for the next bi-ennium we should have a monthly allowance of $150. If Dr. Peery or Rev. Lippard leave Saga and establish a new missionary center (and this is deemed necessary by the Mission) there will be some increase in expenses. We will have to pay our workers better salaries in the near future. To this end we shall shortly submit the Board a revised schedule involving a total monthly increase of perhaps yen 20.00. This was contemplated before the outbreak of the war; but now that war is a fact the change is considered all the more imperative. Certain articles of food have been heavily taxed. Income tax is to be increased by 70 per cent. It should be borne in mind that what is here contemplated is only sufficient means wherewith to continue the work on its present basis and to provide for a natural growth and absolutely essential expansion.

Statistics.

Missionaries*, 3; wives of missionaries, 3; Japanese pastors, 2; unordained helpers and Bible-women, 4; stations, 4; out-stations, 2; Sunday Schools, 6; scholars in same, 200 (about); kindergarten 1; scholars in same, 30; baptized members, 187; converts 1902-3, 74; contributions yen**, 400.00 (about); monthly salaries, Missionaries, $262.50; monthly salaries, Japanese workers, yen 102.00; house rents per month, in 1902, yen 58.00; house rents per month, in 1903, yen 12.00; chapel rents, per month, yen 35.00 (about).

*Exclusive of Rev. and Mrs. Winther and Miss Johnston, of Danish Mission, Kurume, and Misses Kurvinen and Uunsitalo, Finnish Board, Saga.

**Yen, fifty cents.

RESIGNATION OF OUR SENIOR MISSIONARY, REV. R. B. PEERY, Ph. D.

At a meeting of the Board in Winchester, August, 1903, Dr. Peery, being present, gave his views for the need of increased salaries and made a strong plea in support of the paper submitted by them, to which reference has already been made in this report. At the close of said meeting he was informed that the requests of the Mission Conference could not be granted then, even though the Board should judge such increase necessary, for the reason

that the United Synod had only pledged $6,500.00 per annum to this work, and there was no assurance that that amount would be raised; that with the full amount in the Board's treasury, it would be impossible to pay the native workers, rentals of chapels, etc., and also pay this increase. Dr. Peery was further informed that inasmuch as the Board had entered upon the last year of its term it was unwilling to bind a future Board to these larger expenditures contemplated in the set of recommendations from the Mission Conference, and that for this reason action would have to be deferred until after the meeting of the United Synod in 1904. In the beginning of 1904 members of the Board were informed that the possibility was that Dr. Peery would not return to Japan. To these rumors no attention was given until, at the Pittsburg General Conference, the Presidnt of the Board was infomed by brethren both of the Church in the South and the Church in the North, that such was the fact. The pastor of the church at Winchester and the member of the Board from that congregation were informed of this possibility, and, after a conference about this question so important to the Church in the South and also still more vital to Grace Church, whose pastor in the foreign field Dr. Peery was and had been for 11 years, the President sent the following letter to Dr. Peery and received his response which is also given:

(A Copy.)

Strasburg, Va., April 27, 1904.

Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., Salem, Virginia,

Dear Brother:—Your letter of the 25th to hand.

I regret exceedingly the illness of Mrs. Peery and your son, but am glad to know that they have greatly improved and hope that they will rapidly be restored to their usual health. I am sorry that your trip North was prematurely ended, for I have no doubt but that your addresses would have awakened interest in our Mission. I have given Mr. Eberly the receipt enclosed.

Do you expect to attend the coming conventions of the North Carolina and Georgia Synods, the former in May and the latter in June? And what are your plans and ideas for the remaining months of your furlough? The resolutions granting the furlough specify that it begin in the summer of 1903 and end in the Autumn of 1904, and only four months remain until September. I think we should have some understanding of the use of these four months and map out the best plan to awaken and quicken interest

in the Mission among our Southern churches. Further, I am now preparing for the convention of the United Synod and it is important for us to know the date of your return for financial reasons as well as the wisest use of the remaining time of your furlough. I will be glad to have your views and you will please write me at your earliest convenience on this important matter. I would love to go to the Synods mentioned but fear that I can not spare the time.

We are all well and with best wishes for you and yours,

Fraternally yours,

L. L. SMITH,
Acting Secretary.

(A Copy.)

Salem, Va., April 30.

Dear Mr. Smith:—Your letter is before me and I will reply at once.

I was somewhat surprised that you asked me to set a date for my return to Japan before the Board takes steps making it possible for me to return. You will remember that the Mission made formal request to the Board in writing last Summer for certain action which it affirmed to be absolutely necessary to the life and success of the work. That action has not been taken yet: and, as I told you when in Strasburg, and as you might infer from a reading of the recommendation of the Mission, by declining to take that action you make it impossible for me to return to Japan.

My contract was made with the Board twelve years ago, and conditions have changed much since then. Cost of living in our Mission field has doubled; and, whereas, I was a single man then, I now have a wife and three children. In justice to my family I cannot go out again without a new contract, taking cognizance of these conditions. The changes I desire, and regard as essential are as follows:

1. The salary to be increased at least as much as the Mission's recommendation of last summer calls for. A recent letter from Missionary Brown says that even these figures are too low now.

2. A definite statement as to children's return for schooling when parents judge it to be advisable.

3. A definite and reasonable item concerning furloughs, so that my past unpleasant experience will not have to be repeated.

4. Sufficient means, willingly granted, to provide, furnish and maintain in repair, a good Japanese house until such time as the

Board can build a foreign house; and a promise to endeavor to erect a foreign house in the near future. Our houses heretofore have not been properly furnished. One bed room and a study was supplied with furniture—second-hand—for me; while I had to furnish the rest of the house myself. The Board's furniture is still there; but it will be necessary to add some to that at the Board's expense, in case I return.

Besides the above changes in the contract, I will expect the Board to pay what I have paid for rent while on furlough—$120.00. This it is under obligation to do, as the cutting off of my rent and reduction of my salary against my protest were plainly in violation of the contract. I stated in a letter to you before leaving Japan that a man's salary might be reduced while on furlough, if his time was not at the disposal of the Board; otherwise he ought to have full salary. And I certainly never contemplated such a thing as the cutting off of my house rent.

Now, I have no quarrel with the Board. The things specified here are essential, and are moderate; and when the Board grants them I will be ready to confer with you about time of return, etc. If you don't grant these things you make it impossible for me to return to the field, and force my resignation. And let me beg you to acquaint the members of the Board, or at least of the Executive Committee, with the contents of this letter, and act upon it as soon as possible. You have already waited one year before acting on the Mission's recommendation, and if the matter is left for a new Board to consider—in case there should be a new one—it will probably have to wait a like time. You brethren are in a better condition to decide this matter than any one else can be, and I trust you will do it promptly. If I don't know until the meeting of the United Synod whether I will return to Japan or not, it will be very unsatisfactory to me, and sometime afterwards will be necessary to make the needed preparations. In the meanwhile I am kept here on an insufficient allowance, and running behind financially every day.

I am ready for any reasonable work you may assign me during the summer but I have engagements for the last week in May and one week in August that I hope will not be conflicted with. I had not expected to go to North Carolina and Georgia Synods, as I have no invitations from those bodies and no instructions from the Board. But if it is your wish that I go, I stand at your service, and that of your cause.

Trusting that you will see the reasonableness of this letter, and favor me with an early reply, I remain, Sincerely yours,

R. B. PEERY.

These two letters exhibit clearly and distinctly the question at issue between Dr. Peery and the Board. Other letters passed between Dr. Peery and the Board, which are filed and made part of this report marked "B." The Board met at Salem, June 11, 1904, considered Dr. Peery's letter fully and carefully, and adopted substantially the rules and regulations here reported as in the main, an answer to his ultimatum. After a conference with him and after making known to him our decision in reference to salary and child's allowance, and also our view with regard to children's return for education, foreign homes,, etc. and the utter impossibility of granting these requests, the Board reminded him of the great injustice he did it in that letter charging it with a violation of contract and deplored the unfortunate spirit and tone of the letter in question. A copy of the contract to which he refers is filed with this report as an exhibit marked "C." The Board then presented its view of violated agreement, ungenerous treatment, etc., and pointed out in most unmistakable terms the fact that the church in the South could not conduct its work in Japan on the basis of the large and wealthy Boards with their larger constituency and more ample means. Dr. Peery next day tendered his resignation to the Board in a letter which, together with the Board's letter of acceptance is filed with the papers marked "B" with this report.

The Board realizing the equipment of Dr. Peery for the work in Japan, and the meaning and effect of his resignation on the Southern Church, on the Mission, and on Grace Church, Winchester, hoped that some arrangement or understanding could be reached by which he could return to his field of labor. To this end Rev. Dr. Miller was authorized to confer with him in an effort to effect such a result. This conference was without definite fruits. Dr. Peery afterwards requested a conference with several members of the Board. After further reviewing the questions at issue, these gentlemen asked Dr. Peery for his final opinion on the question of his return. His reply was that, under the circumstances, his judgment was against his returning, and that his individual preference was not to return. Though, for

the sake of both Japan and the Church, the Board up to this time had had anxious doubts as to whether the resignation should be accepted, after this last committee reported his response to their direct questions, the heavy responsibility ceased, the way of duty was plain to every member of the Board, and his resignation was unanimously accepted.

Apportionment.

Apportionment and amount paid for Foreign Missions from May 1, 1902, to July, 1904, being for two full years and two months additional, at the rate of 20 cents per capita, on a basis of membership as specified.

Foreign Missions.

Synod	Members	Apportionment	Paid
North Carolina	7600	2432 00	1851 13
South Carolina	9800	3136 00	1572 30
Tennessee	8000	2560 00	489 55
Virginia	6200	1984 00	4411 16
Southwestern Virginia	4400	1408 00	1906 18
Georgia	2475	782 00	373 56
Holston	1500	480 00	115 26
Mississippi	700	224 00	49 01
Totals	40675	$13008 00	$10768 15

BOARD OF MISSION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FROM MAY, 1, 1902, TO JULY 1, 1904.

Home Mission Account—Credits.

By balance in Treasury May, 1 1902	$ 971 84
By contributions in past two years	6240 94
By Winston Mission towards pastor's salary	59 50
By Atlanta Mission towards pastor's salary	712 31
By Bluefield Mission towards pastor's salary	484 25
By Newport News Mission towards pastor's salary	598 33
By Graham and Keystone Missions towards pastor's Salary	419 71
By Norfolk Mission towards pastor's salary	1425 00
By Morristown and Sinking Spring Missions towards pastor's salary	226 70

By Greenville Mission towards pastor's salary	263 45
By Radford and Pulaski Mission towards pastor's salary	430 45
By Mississippi Mission towards pastor's salary	224 95
By Bristol Mission towards pastor's salary	38 45
	$12,095 88

Home Mission Account—Disbursements.

To Atlanta, Ga., three-fourths salary Rev. L. K. Probst Pastor and Secretary of the Board	$ 627 50
To Atlanta, Ga., Rev. E. C. Cronk salary as pastor ..	1412 31
To Winston Mission, on debt	645 25
To Winston Mission towards pastor's salary	131 00
To Bluefield Mission towards pastor's salary	784 13
To Newport News Mission towards pastor's salary ..	1638 33
To Graham and Keystone Mission towards pastor's salary	896 76
To Norfolk Mission towards pastor's salary	1945 00
To Morristown and Sinking Spring Missions towards pastor's salary	476 70
To Greenville Mission towards pastor's salary	437 45
To Radford and Pulaski Missions towards pastor's salary	832 46
To Mississippi Mission towards pastor's salary	614 95
To Fitzgerald Mission for lot	250 00
To Bristol Mission towards pastor's salary	163 43
To Atlanta Mission for lot and building	615 65
To interest on Richmond debt	98 10
To three-fourths of all current expenses, including traveling expenses of President and Secretary to Board Meetings, Synods, and Mission Points, railroad fare in part of members of Board to its meetings missionary, literature, reports, stationery, etc.,	374 64
To balance in treasury, July 1, 1904	150 22
	$12,095 88

Foreign Mission Account—Credits.

By Balance in Treasury May 1, 1902	$ 78 42
By amount Scherer Memorial Fund (Brown appeal) ..	283 71
By amount from Virginia Synod on its special pledge to	

return to Newport News loan	329	05
By amount for Peery Furlough Fund	713	63
By contributions in the past two years, two months, which include all regular contributions from Synods, Missionary Societies, and Sunday Schools, and all special contributions from all sources for the education and support of native ministers and helpers, rental chapels, and purchase of literature. This item includes also all collections made by Rev. R. B. Peery while on his visitation of the churches during the furlough year	10,540	10
	$11,944	91

Foreign Mission Account—Disbursements.

To one-fourth salary Rev. L. K. Probst	$ 152	50
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance, Rev. R. B. Peery	1978	75
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance Rev. C. L. Brown	2475	50
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance Rev. C. K. Lippard	2,467	50
To salaries and educational allowances for native helpers, evangelists, and students, rentals of chapels, and dwellings, furniture, travelling expenses, insurance and taxes in Japan to July 1, 1904	3009	57
To chapel in Japan, young people in Winchester	225	00
To expenses of return of Dr. Peery and family	729	14
To travelling expenses for Revs. Drs. Peery and Probst in visitation of Synods, Churches, etc., in the home field	192	39
To one-fourth of the current expenses in the administration of the Board in America	90	56
To balance in Treasury, general fund	*350	29
To balance in Treasury, Scherer Memorial	283	71
	$11,944	91

*Note—In the above statement the $605 for Scherer Memorial Church secured by Revs. E. C. Cronk and W. R. Brown is not included, but is a debt of the Board, having been borrowed for

use in the General Fund for Foreign Missions, from which substracting the Foreign balance of $350.29, leaves a deficit of $254.71 in the Foreign Account.

Special Fund For Atlanta Lot and Church Building.

Receipts.

By sale of Atlanta bonds .. ..$	612 00
By amount from Home Fund	617 65
By amount collected by Rev. E. C. Cronk on his tour	363 25
By amount of interest on bonds, etc.	76 35
By receipts of special efforts Whit-Sunday offering, 1903	2172 14
	$3,841 38

Disbursements.

To amounts paid on lot and building—three items.. ..$	2,966 53
To travelling expenses of Rev. E. C. Cronk while on his tour and expenses of pulpit supply for Atlanta ..	96 71
To printing, etc.	12 70
To balance in Treasury	765 44
	$3,841 38

J. W. EBERLY,
Treasurer.

Our Finances and Organization.

An analysis of the financial statement of the treasurer shows plainly a marked improvement. The general receipts for Home Missions increased from $10,909.01 to $12,095.88, and adding to this $2,541.38 for Atlanta and about $700.00 for our brethren at Norfolk, the total will be about $15,300.00. In addition, the amount raised for Atlanta by the Georgia Synod of $1,000.00, and a balance of nearly $1,600, raised by Rev. Mr. Cronk on his tour of visitation swell the total amount collected for Home Missions to about $18,000. This is small enough indeed and very many fail in their duty, yet it is a gratifying fact when viewed in comparison with the past. The foreign receipts have grown and there is much to encourage. Our resources and income could largely and powerfully be increased if all of our organizations

and individuals would loyally give their support and co-operation to this work. Too many churches fail to help even a little in our home and foreign work. This is the problem before us; to secure hearty co-operation from each and all in our great work for the spreading of the Gospel.

Recommendations.

The Board begs to present the following recommendations for adoption by this body:

1. The election of a Missionary Superintendent to give his whole time to the Mission work of the Board. Said Superintendent to locate at an accessible place on our territory, and his general duties shall be to attend to all mission correspondence, both home and foreign, and to adopt such plans as shall largely increase the receipts of the work, giving special attention to the portions of the church where little is done for the general work. The salary and other expenses incident to this office shall be determined by the Board.

2. That public appeals for money to build churches, or to pay off indebtedness on church edifices, be made only through this Board, and that no such appeals be made in our church papers without the sanction of the Board, and that all our editors refer the applicants to this action; provided that this rule applies only to general appeals and not local appeals to congregations within given District Synods.

3. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $8.000.00 annually.

4. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $9,000.00 annually.

5. That the various Synods set apart two Sundays in each year —Whit-Sunday for Foreign Missions, and the second Sunday in November for Home Missions—for receiving missionary offerings and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose, said offerings to be credited on the apportionment due the United Synod.

6. That the United Synod instruct the Board to call and send out a successor to Dr. Peery as soon as a suitable man can be procured.

Conclusion.

This report is submitted with the belief that an advance has been made in our mission activity. This bi-ennium witnesses the effort to place our work on true mission principles and wiser methods of operations, and this promises much for the future. If the United Synod will heartily approve of the policy begun in this bi-ennium of planting the Church in our southern cities and leaving the smaller places to the district synods, it will not require many years to establish the Lutheran Church in those cities where today there is no English organization. The great problem is to awaken general interest among our people and churches and to bring about close and loyal support and co-operation in the general work. This is the problem of the next bi-ennium to have every district Synod and each congregation in it to do its part in our great work, and it should be the devout prayer of us as a church that this spirit may pervade us and continually grow in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. Smith.
L. G. M. Miller.
A. D. R. Hancher.
C. O. Miller.
G. M. Beltzhoover.
J. E. Cooper.
J. W. Eberly.

New Market, Va., July 27, 1904.

The report of the Board of Publication was read, and referred to a committee to be known as *The Committee on the Publication Interests of the United Synod.* Appointed as follows:

Committee—Revs. J. W Horine, R. C. Holland, W. L. Seabrook, V. Y. Boozer, W. C. Schaeffer and J. L. Deaton.

The following Proposed Action in reference to a General Lutheran Conference was adopted:

PROPOSED ACTION IN REFERENCE TO LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the United Synod takes notice with pleasure of the fact that the General Lutheran Conference in Europe has widened its sphere in the direction of becoming an international Lutheran Conference, and also that the General Council has expressed a desire that the General Lutheran Conference meet in this country in the near future and has taken steps to inaugurate an International Conference in this country. That a committee of three be appointed to enter into correspondence with the committee of the General Council on General Lutheran Conference to give expression to our interest in the proposed International Conference.

That this committee consider the advisability of the United Synod seeking official connection with the General Lutheran Conference and report recommendations on this point at the next meeting of the United Synod.

Committee on General Lutheran Conference:

Revs. A. G .Voigt, M. M. Kinard and J. B. Greiner.

Rev. L. L. Smith made the following report on the Pittsburg General Conference:

REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG GENERAL CONFERENCE.

As the representative of the United Synod on the Joint Committee to select time and place and arrange program for a General Conference of representatives from the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod, I attended the meeting of this committee at Baltimore last Autumn, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., representing the General Council and Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., the General Synod. The committee selected the First Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D. D. pastor, as the place and the week following Easter, April 5-7, 1904, as the time. A full program was arranged, with doctrinal and practical subjects for discussion, 19 subjects and thirty-two speakers in all. The speakers chosen from the United Synod were Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., of Savannah, Ga., Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., and Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., Rev. W P Cline of Hickory, N. C., Rev. J. A. Morehead,

D. D., of Salem, Va., and Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D., of Rural Retreat Va., and it was a source of much regret that of these speakers, Drs. Voigt and Schaeffer at the last moment found it impossible to attend. The Third General Conference was a marked and notable success in many ways being attended by more than 200 ministers from every section of the church as well as by a large number of prominent laymen. The discussions were able and excellent and a fine spirit pervaded the body. The impression was that these Conferences are a great agency in bringing the different sections of the Church and the various general bodies closer together, thereby affording them an opportunity of understanding each other better and of appreciating more clearly their respective positions, as well as an opportunity for acquaintanceship and conference among the men who largely shape the course of the English portion of the Lutheran church in this great land.

At the closing session of the Conference at Pittsburg, two requests were adopted by those participating:

1. That the invitation be extended to other Lutheran bodies to take part in another Conference to be held at some future date.

2. That the next Conference be held in the West.

Your representative suggests the following action by this body:

1. That the United Synod approves of the arrangements and proceedings of the Pittsburg Conference.

2. That another Conference be held in the near future.

3. That the United Synod cordially concurs in the proposal of the Pittsburg Conference to invite other Lutheran bodies to participate in another General Conference to be held in the future, and that the representative on the Joint Committee be instructed to join in an invitation to the Joint Synod of Ohio, German Iowa Synod, United Norweigan Synod, Hauge Synod, and such other Synods as, besides formally accepting the Augsburg Confession, are willing to unite in public prayer in the said Conference. Further that we agree to the extension of an invitation to prepare papers to any individuals from other bodies whom the Joint Committee thinks best to invite.

4. That the United Synod instructs its representative on the Joint Committee of the three bodies heretofore holding these Conferences, that if it be wise to hold another Conference of the three bodies before arrangements can be made for the larger

Conference contemplated, as it will require at least three years to make such arrangements, he be authorized to unite with the other members of that Committee in calling a Fourth General Conference of the three bodies.

5. That in response to the suggestion of the Pittsburg Conference that the place be in the West for the meeting of the next General Conference, it is the sense of this Synod that, in the event of the calling of the larger Conference, the place is obviously at some accessible point in the West. But, should a Fourth General Conference of the three bodies be arranged for before that time, it is our preference that such convention be held in one of the Eastern cities—preferably, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, or Pittsburg.

6. That a representative of this Synod be appointed as a representative of the Joint Committee of the three bodies with power to co-operate in the arrangement of either or both of the above mentioned Conferences.

7. That the said representative with the Presidents of the District Synods be appointed a committee to raise the necessary funds.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. SMITH,
Member of Joint Committee.

Rev. L. L. Smith was appointed as the representative of this Synod to arrange for Conference, or Conferences, contemplated in his report.

The following report of Visitor to the General Council was adopted:

REPORT OF VISITOR TO GENERAL COUNCIL.

According to appointment I attended the 29th Convention of the General Council as your official visitor. This Convention was held at Norristown, Pa., October 9-13, 1903. I was given full opportunity to express the fraternal greetings of the United Synod, and as your representative was accorded a most hearty reception. A lively interest on the part of this great Lutheran body was manifested in the work, sphere and mission of our Southern church. The request on the part

of the United Synod to be accorded the privilege of publishing the Common Hymnal (completed by the Joint Common Service Committee) was cheerfully granted by the Council, with the reservation that such grant should not be construed as an endorsement of said Common Hymnal in advance of the report of the Church Book Committee. formally submitting the Hymnal for adoption by the Council.

We were impressed with the earnestness, gravity, and ability which characterized the deliberations of this great body of Lutherans, and could not but admire the unmistakable conviction maintained as to the mission assigned it by the Great Head of the Church.

The General Council is composed of twelve synods, one thousand three hundred and seventy-one ministers, 2,216 congregations and 386,132 communicant members.

The benevolent contributions for the last bi-ennium amounted to $614,041.81.

In charitable institutions the Council holds a commendable record, there being 13 orphan homes, 6 homes for the aged, 8 hospitals, 3 deaconess mother houses, and 4 immigrant and seaman's missions—34 in all, having a property value of $2,363,381 and having 14,188 persons under their care.

I take pleasure in bringing to your notice that the General Council reappointed its Committee on Conference with General Bodies, with Dr. Henry E. Jacobs as chairman, and Commissioned Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D. D., as official visitor to this Convention of the United Synod.

The Thirtieth Convention of the Council will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, second Thursday in October, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT C. HOLLAND.

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D. D., official Visitor from the General Council, on invitation addressed the Synod, presenting in most pleasing manner the fraternal greetings of that Synod.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, upon the request of President Yoder, responded in equally pleasing and appropriate terms.

The following tribute to Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D. D., L. L. D., L. H. D., was adopted by a rising vote:

IN MEMORY OF REV. JOSEPH AUGUSTUS SEISS, D. D., LL. D., L. H. D.

Whereas the churches of the United Synod have shared with the whole Lutheran Church in America the rich heritage of the life and labors of our distinguished Churchman, Rev. Joseph Augustus Seiss, D. D., LL. D., L. H. D., who departed this life at his home in Philadelphia on the 20th day of June, 1904, and the impress of his commanding personality, wise leadership and distinguished services in behalf of our Lutheran zion abides with us in the South scarcely less appreciable than in that great Lutheran body with which he was more closely identified.

And whereas we have been especially bereaved in that his death has deprived us of his presence with us in this Convention, which he had purposed to attend, being moved thereto by his great interest in the Common Hymnal upon which he had expended so much labor and in whose completion he so greatly rejoiced, and whose very publication he had hoped to facilitate and superintend in obedience to the expressed desire of this body, therefore be it

1. Resolved, That the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South does, with sentiments of gratitude and affectionate rememberance, put on record its recognition of the eminent services to the Lutheran Church of this her distinguished representative, who stood preeminent in his generation as preacher, author, and churchman.

2. Resolved, That we cherish with special gratification his valuable agency in promoting the sentiment in behalf of closer fellowship among our general bodies based upon the evident approximation to unity in the faith, and that we rejoice in the contribution he has thus made toward that possible ultimate union for which the United Synod has sought to keep itself in readiness, and will continue to labor and to wait.

The Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, together with that of Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean of the Seminary, was now read and referred to Committee on Seminary.

Mr. H. S. Boner, Superintendent of the Publication Board of the General Synod, Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D. D., and all other visiting ministers of our Church were received as advisory members.

The Committee on Common Book of Worship reported. Pending the consideration of this report Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

Addresses on Foreign Missions were made at 8 P. M., by Revs. W. H. Greever and L. A. Fox, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, New Market, Va.

Friday, July 29, 1904, 9 A. M.

Synod convened and was opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. E. A. Shenk.

The Report of Rev. A. G. Voigt on Common Book of Worship was taken up, amended and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your Committee begs leave to submit its report under three heads: 1. Publication of the Book of Worship. 2. Publication of Luther's Catechism. 3. The Common Book of Service.

Publication of the Book of Worship.

The Committee renewed its former contract with Mr. Elbert H. Aull, representing the Board of Publication of the United Synod, with two changes. First, certain styles of binding were discontinued. Secondly, the publisher was released from the payment of royalty on the cloth edition.

In explanation of the latter change we submit the following facts. Formerly the United Synod received 3 1-2 cents royalty on the cloth-bound books. Owing to the uncertainty from one bi-ennium to another of the continuation of the publication of the present Book of Worship, and of the renewal of the contract, the Committee has encouraged Mr. Aull to allow the stock of books to run down as the meeting of the United Synod draws

near. This is necessary not only in justice to Mr. Aull, but also for the protection of the United Synod, which may have to buy the books on hand at the expiration of the contract at the cost of the books. It must be remembered the Committee has no money to work with. We freely concede it is an unsatisfactory arrangement and it would be well for the United Synod to consider whether a better method of publication could not be devised.

At the beginning of the last bi-ennium it was necessary to print a new edition of the small book. The cost of printing had greatly advanced. If the Committee had been free to order the printing of 5,000 copies, there would have been no change in the retail price or the royalty. But we felt that it was necessary to limit the edition to 2,000 copies, especially in view of the probability of the printing in the near future of the Hymnal in preparation by the Joint Committee. The publisher presented this alternative: either the price of the cloth-bound book must be increased, or he must be released from royalty on that form of the book. No changes were made in regard to the other bindings. In view of the fact that the cloth-bound book was from the beginning issued not with regard to a profit from it, but to offer to the church the Book of Worship in as cheap a form as possible, we decided to relinquish the royalty on it rather than increase its retail price.

We present a table of the styles of binding now issued, with the retail price and the royalty payable to the United Synod, according to said contract:

Small Size.	Retail	Royalty.
Cloth	.35	.00
Sheep	.50	.05
Dark Arabesque	.60	.06
Arabesque Gilt	.75	.07 1-2
English Turkey, Extra Gilt	1.50	.10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey	2.50	.10
English Calf, Limp, Red under Gold	4.00	.10
Japanese Limp	2.00	.10

Pulpit Size.

Dark Arabesque	1.25	.10
Arabesque, Gilt Edge	1.50	.10
English Turkey	2.25	.10

Combination Sets.

English Turkey	4.00	.10
Arabesque, Gilt	2.50	.10
Japanese Limp	3.00	.10

Attached to this reoprt is the account of sales of the Book of Worship, furnished by Mr. Aull. From it the royalty due the United Synod is seen to amount to $34.48, for which we hold Mr. Aull's check.

Recommendations.

1. We recommend that the action of the Committee relinquishing royalty on the cloth-bound book be approved.

2. We recommend that the Committee be authorized to continue the publication of the Book of Worship in the styles of binding now issued, but that it have discretionary power to discontinue the present Hymnal, if the United Synod shall undertake the printing and issuing of the Common Hymnal, prepared by the Joint Committee.

Publication of Luther's Small Catechism.

At the last convention of the United Synod your Commttee on the basis of a petition from a conference of one of the Synods, recommended the printing of Luther's small Catechism in cheap form. The recommendation was adopted, but the result shows that the demand for a cheap form of the text of the catechism is not great. The Committee made a contract with Henkel & Co., of New Market, Va., for 1,000 copies bound in Manila cardboard at a cost of $24.52. The firm of Henkel & Co., acted with great liberality, undertaking the sale of the booklets and granting us indulgence until the present time to settle the account. Their statement shows that from October 1, 1902, until July 15, 1904, only 133 copies were sold at 3 1-2 cents each, that there are 852 copies on hand, and that there is a balance due them of $19.87.

We recommend that the Committee be empowered to draw on the Treasurer for $19.87 to settle this amount. (Ordered paid—Secretary.)

The Common Book of Service.

Since the last meeting of the United Synod progress has been made on the Common Book of Service by the Joint Committee. The United Synod was represented at several of its meetings during last bi-ennium. The best way to convey an idea of the present status of the work is to lay before the United Synod here an official statement by the Joint Committee to the general bodies. The statement is this:

"This Committee was instructed by the bodies appointing it to confer and co-operate in the preparation of a book containing the Common Service, Ministerial Acts, and a Hymnal. It was instructed also to complete the revision of the translation of Luther's Small Catechism. The translation having been completed and approved by the three bodies, the Committee turned its attention to the preparation of the Ministerial Acts and a Hymnal. Wherever historical precedents exist due consideration has been given them, and where none exist respect has been paid to the usages of the churches. Order for Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, Confession, and Dedication of churches have been prepared in part, but the Committee is not yet able to make a final report. The manuscript of the Hymn Book, however, has been completed, and a synopsis and index of it are herewith submitted, with a statement of the principles which have governed its preparation and of the sources from which it has been derived. Your Committee does not ask for your final approval of the Hymn Book, but has submitted it at this time because the Committee of the United Synod has urgently asked permission to print it for use of the churches of that body. Unable to grant this request, the Joint Committee hereby reports it to the general bodies with its approval.

E. J. WOLF, Chairman
EDWARD T. HORN, Secretary.
For the Joint Committee.

Philadelphia, April 22, 1903.

This statement was presented to the General Synod at its meeting at Baltimore in June, 1903, and to the General Council at its meeting in Norristown in October, 1903, and was adopted and consent was given to the United Synod to have the Hymnal printed. It should be noted, however, that the action of the

General Synod includes the statement: "It is not expected that these books will, in the immediate future, displace the ones now in use," and the action of the General Council this statement: "Consent be given, but with the understanding that this does not commit the General Council to this book."

The action of the Joint Committee and of the two General Bodies referred to thus permits the United Synod to print the Hymnal, but under the supervision of the Joint Committee. This action of the Joint Committee in the words of its Secretary is this: "It was agreed that if the Hymn Book should be printed by the United Synod, the proofs should be read by the Sub-Committee." The Chairman of the Sub-Committee referred to was Dr. Seiss, whose recent death is mourned by the entire Lutheran Church and is a blow especially felt in connection with this work. For not only had he undertaken the preparation of the proposed Hymnal and issued it at his own expense, and then been most active in the Joint Committee in its consideration and revision; but he had also offered to advance the cost of publishing the Hymnal, and in the interest of its publication had intended to be present at this meeting of the United Synod. We lament his death for this reason also, that it deprived us of the honor of his distinguished presence and the guidance of his wise counsel in this Convention.

It remains now for the United Synod to declare whether it will proceed with the publication of the Hymnal, the manuscript of which, we learn from a recent article by Dr. Jacobs in the Lutheran, is among Dr. Seiss' papers.

If there has been apparent tardiness on the part of your Committee in publishing the Hymnal, this report will show that a work of such importance with so many parties interested in it, cannot be rushed forward. Moreover, your Committee deemed it proper to get your judgment before taking the final step.

4. We recommend that the Hymnal prepared by the Joint Committee be adopted as the Hymnal of the United Synod.

5. Recommendations. We recommend that the Committee be instructed to have the Common Hymnal printed, provided that it can be printed in a form which will admit of its being bound with the first part of the present Book of Worship, and provided further that the Committee can make the necessary financial arrangements

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Voigt.
R. C. Holland.
L. A. Fox.

E. H. Aull, Superintendent, in Account with Common Service Committee of the United Synod:

1902.

May 31—By royalty on 1 copy Cloth			
May 31—By royalty on 3 copies Sheep	15		
May 31—By royalty on 2 copies Arabesque Plain	12		
May 31—By royalty on 4 copies Arabesque Gilt	30		57
June 30—By royalty on 4 copies Sheep	20		
June 30—By royalty on 2 copies Arabesque Plain	12		
June 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt, pulpit	10		
June 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit	10		52
July 31—By royalty on 18 copies Sheep	90		
July 31—By royalty on 2 copies Arabesque Plain	12	1	02
Sept. 30.—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain, pulpit	10		
Sept. 30.—By royalty on 6 copies Sheep	30		
Sept. 30—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Gilt	15		55
November 30—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Plain ..	12		12
Dec. 31—By royalt on 20 copies Sheep 1	00		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 14 copies Ara. Plain	84		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 12 copies Ara. Gilt	90		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 7 copies Eng. Turk. ex. Gilt ..	70		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 8 copies Eng. Turk. comb	80		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 8 copies Jap. Limp, comb.	80		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. plain, pulpit	10		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt, pulpit, comb.	10	5	24

1903.

Jan. 31—By royalty on 14 copies Ara. Plain	84		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 14 copies Ara. Gilt 1	05		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 6 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	60		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb.	10		
Jan. 31—By Royalty on 6 copies Jap. Iimp, comb.	60		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit	10		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt, pulpit	10	3	39
Feb 28—By royalty on 10 copies Ara. Plain	60		
Feb 28—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt	07		
March 31—By royalty on 6 copies Ara. Plain	36		
March 31—By royalty on 26 copies Ara. Gilt 1	95		
March 31—By royalty on 5 copies Eng. Turk, comb. ..	50		
March 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb.	10		
March 31—By royalty on 7 copies Jap. Limp, comb. ..	70	3	61

April 30—By royalty on 504 copies Cloth .. ..
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain 06
April 30—By royalty on 6 copies Jap. Limp, comb. .. 60
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk, pulpit 10
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk, comb. pulpit 10 86
May 31—By royalty on 48 copies Cloth .. ..
May 31—By royalty on 4 copies Sheep 20
May 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Plain 18 38
June 30—By royalty on 89 copies Cloth .. ..
June 30—By royalty on 23 copies Sheep 1 15
June 30—By royalty on 4 copies Ara. Plain 24
June 30—By royalty on 7 copies Ara. Gilt 52
June 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk, ex. 10
June 30—By royalty on 3 copies Jap. Limp, comb .. 30 2 31
July 31—By royalty on 37 copies Cloth .. ..
July 31—By royalty on 5 copies Sheep 25
July 31—By royalty on 6 copies Ara. Plain 36
July 31—By royalty on 2 coipes Ara. Gilt 15
July 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk, comb. 10
July 31—By royalty on 2 copies Eng. Calf, comb. 20
July 31—By royalty on 1 copy Jap. Limp, comb. 10
July 31—By royalty on 1 copy Jap. Limp, comb. 10 1 26
August 31—By royalty on 46 copies Cloth .. ..
August 31—By royalty on 5 copies Sheep 25
August 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Plain 18
August 31—By royalty on 6 copies Ara. Gilt 45
August 31—By royalty on 3 copies Eng. Turk. comb. .. 30
August 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain, pulpit .. 10 1 28
Sep. 30—By royalty on 110 copies Cloth .. ..
Sep. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Sheep 05
Sep. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Japanese Limp 10
Sep. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain, pulpit .. 10 25
Oct. 31—By royalty on 137 copies Cloth .. ..
Oct. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Sheep 15
Oct. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Plain 12
Oct. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Gilt 23
Oct. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Eng. Turk 30
Oct. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Eng. Turk. comb. 30
Oct. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit 10 1 20
Nov. 30—By royalty on 2 copies Cloth .. ..
Nov. 30—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Plain 18

Nov. 30—By royalty on 7 copies Ara. Gilt	15		
Nov. 30—By royalty on 2 copies Eng. Turk comb. ..	20		
Nov. 30—By royalty on 4 copies Jap. Limp, comb.	40		
Nov. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain, pulpit	10	1	03
Dec. 31—By royalty on 7 copies Cloth			
Dec. 31—By royalty on 24 copies Ara. Plain 1	44		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 10 copies Ara. Gilt	75		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 5 copies Eng. Turk	50		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Eng. Turk, comb.	20		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Eng. Calf, comb.	20		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt, pulpit	19		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit	10		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Jap. Limp, pulpit, comb.	20	3	49
1904.			
Jan. 31—By royalty on 13 copies Cloth			
Jan. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Gilt	15		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb.	10		25
Feb. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Plain	18		
Feb. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Gilt	15		
Feb. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk	10		
Feb. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Jap. Limp, comb.	10		53
March 31—By royalty on 10 copies Ara. Plain	60		
March 31—By royalty on 37 copies Ara. Gilt 2	78		
March 31—By royalty on 5 coipes Eng. Turk	50		
March 31—By royalty on 8 copies Eng. Turk. comb. .. .	80		
March 31—By royalty on 1 copy Jap. Limp, comb. ..	10		
March 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb.	10		
March 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng, Turk. Comb. pul.	10	4	98
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April 30—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Gilt	23		
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. comb.	10		
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb	10		49
May 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain	06		
May 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Gilt	23		
May 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. comb.	10		39
June 30—B royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. comb, pulpit	10		10
1,458		34	48

Summary.

994 copies Cloth .. ..$	
92 copies Sheep	4 60

113	copies Arabesque Plain	6 78
136	copies Arabesque Gilt	10 20
22	copies Eng. Turkey Extra Gilt	2 20
40	copies English Turkey comb.	4 00
9	copies English Calf comb.	90
39	copies Japanese Limp comb	3 90
1,438		32 58

Pulpit.

5	copies Arabesque Plain	50
3	copies Arabesque Gilt	30
5	copies English Turkey	50
3	copies English Turkey comb.	30
1	copy Arabesque Kilt comb.	10
2	copies Japanese Limp comb.	20
20		1 90
1,438		$32 58
1,458		$34 48

Books on Hand June 30, 1904.

English Turkey comb.	25
English Calf comb.	6
Japanese Limp comb.	37

Pulpit Size.

Dark Arabesque	1
Arabesque Gilt	17
English Turkey	7
English Turkey comb.	23
Arabesque Gilt comb	6
Japanese Limp comb.	38

It was

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to prepare music for our Hymnal and report at our next meeting a plan for publishing the same.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Committee to audit Treasurer's account respectfully reports that they have examined the report of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and found the same correct, all receipts and disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers. The Committee would further report that the Treasurer has made payments to the extent of Eight Dollars for which he had no funds and for which he makes no claim. We recommend that we express our appreciation of his action.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Wolff.
Jno. F. Ficken.
S. H. Hearne.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. Duls, Treasurer, in Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Dr.

1902.

May 7th To balance in the hands Treasurer per last report (p. 39 last Minutes)	$ 16 99
May 10th Received of E. H. Aull, per Committee, royalty (p. 46 last Minutes)	76 41
May 24th Received of H. A. Smith, Treasurer St. John's Lutheran Church—Sunday Morning collection of $28.43, less $5.00 donation to sexton (p. 82 last Minutes)	23 43
August 29th Received of Jas. D. Heilig, Treasurer N. C. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	48 94
September 4th Received of L. S. Walker, Treasurer Va. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	37 24
September 4th Received of E. L. Greever, Treasurer S. W. Va. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	26 50
September 10th Received of J. M. Gnann, Treasurer Ga. Synod, for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	14 85
September 16th Received of J. C. Dubard, Treasurer Miss. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last minutes)	3 65
November 6th Received of A. H. Kohn, Treasurer S. C. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	56 56
Total	$304 57

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May 8th Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, for Seal for Synod (p. 76 last minutes)	$ 2 50
May 27th Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary for Services, (p. 82 last Minutes)	25 00
July 2nd Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, (see Previous Reports and p. 77 last Minutes)	31 00
October 11th Paid Elbert H. Aull Co. on account, (see p. 81 last Minutes)	189 51
November 14th Paid Elbert H. Aull Co. on account, (see p. 81 last Minutes)	56 56
Total	$304 57

The Treasurer also made the following payments, for which he claims no credit as there was and is no money in the Treasury and he desires his accounts balanced on retiring.

March 31, 1904, Paid the R. L. Bryan Co.	$ 3 50
September 12, 1903, Paid E. H. Aull Co.	3 32
July 11, 1904, Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman	2 00
	$ 8 82

He refers to pages 38, 53, 76, 77, 81 and 82 last Minutes for his authority for the various payments.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. DULS, Treasurer.

It was

Resolved, That the Board of Missions of this body shall be constituted of one member from each district synod, and that the delegations from the different synods name the man of their synod for the member of the Board.

The following committee to nominate Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was appointed:

Revs. M. M. Kinard, V. Y. Boozer, W. A. Deaton, W. H. Greever and Paul Seig.

The official Visitor to Elizabeth College reported. Received and referred to the Committee on Literary Institutions.

The Board of the Theological Seminary made supplement

to their report, which was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The following, on the Women's Movement to raise $20,000 for Missions, was adopted:

THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT TO RAISE $20,000 FOR MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the United Synod notes with pleasure the movement on behalf of the women of the United Synod to raise for Missions the sum of $20,000 or an average of one dollar each for every Lutheran woman in the bounds of the United Synod, and does truly endorse the same.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that through lack of general organization of the ladies of the church, the unifying of the work is involved in some difficulty, and might possibly occasion an unfortunate delay in the execution of their noble purpose, this body, which represents the women of the church as well as the men, suggests the following outline of basis and unity of action in the great work proposed.

1. That the work be begun at once and completed, if possible, by the first Sunday after Epiphany, January, 1905, and that day be observed throughout all our churches as "Woman's Missionary Day in the United Synod."

2. That the Treasurer of the Board of Missions be made the custodian of the funds thus raised and forwarded to him, the same to be held as a special fund, separate from all other funds in his hands.

3. That when $10,000 shall have been thus accumulated the Board of Missions may appropriate that sum or such part thereof as said Board shall deem best, except that such sums as contributed shall have been designated for some specific object, shall be devoted as so designated. That further contributions shall be at the disposal of the Board, subject to such conditions as the donors may attach to the same.

Resolved, That the contributions under this special movement be considered as in no wise interfering with the normal contributions now made by the Synodical Woman's Missionary Societies or the various district synods toward the cause of Home and Foreign Missions of the United Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to aid the ladies as far as may be desired in the future development of the plans which may be needed for the early and successful completion of their laudible undertaking.

Synod adjourned with Prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday, July 29, 1904, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and Rev. L. A. Fox presented the Report of the Committee on Orphan Home. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 were adopted, the 5th being recommitted.

The Committee on Consolidation of our Church papers submitted their report, which was referred to the Committee on The Publication Interests of the United Synod.

The Committee on Sunday School Literature reported. The first item of the report was adopted. The second and third items were referred to the Committee on Publication Interests.

The Bill of Expenses, for $35, in item four was ordered paid. (See report, 3. 4.)

The Report of Committee on Reports of the Theological Seminary was presented, considered and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We your Commttee on Theological Seminary have had the following named papers placed in our hands.

1. The report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary.
2. The report of the Dean of the Faculty.
3. The report of the Treasurer of the Seminary.
4. The report of the Chairman of the Century Memorial Committee.

All of which we recommend for publication in the Minutes of this Convention of this Synod.

As matters needing the special attention and action of this body we recommend,

1. That Synod heartily approve and endorse the action of the Board of Directors in the purchase of "Bernheim Hall."

2. That the synod hereby records its high appreciation of, and deep thankfulness for the magnificent generosity of Dr. G. D. Bernheim and his most excellent wife, who have made this purchase possible.

3. That the Synod rejoices that once again it has our beloved brother, the Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., at the head of its "School of the Prophets," and earnestly prays that it may be the will of God for him to long continue in that office for which he is so eminently fitted and qualified.

4. That it is with profound sorrow that the Synod officially learns of the decease of Rev. Prof. Karl Boldt, of the faculty, and Mr. Carsten Wulbern of the Board of Directors, and that it express the same by adopting this recommendation by a rising vote.

5. That Synod hereby extends hearty thanks to the Charleston churches for their generous thoughtfulness in presenting to the Seminary the library of our lamented brother, the Rev. Karl Boldt.

6. That Synod hereby approve the recommendation of the Dean of the Seminary, with regard to the establishment of a peramnent "Library Fund," and that the matter be laid upon the hearts of all of our people, in the hope and belief that generous contributions to this fund will be forthcoming.

7. That a vote of thanks be given to Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., for their self-sacrificing "assistance during the session as professors in the institution."

8. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of this Synod is hereby vested with full power to sell at public or private sale at their discretion, for such price and on such terms as the said Board shall approve, all of the land with the buildings thereon situate in the town of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and constituting the entire real estate, situate in said town and used by and for the purposes of the said Seminary, including the lot of land and the buildings thereon, situate on Bennett street in said town and known as Berheim Hall.

2. That whenever the said Board of Directors shall make a sale of said property, the President and the Treasurer of the United Synod of the South are hereby authorized and directed to execute under the Seal of the said Synod in the name and

in behalf of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South," and to deliver to the purchaser or purchasers of said property, a deed conveying to said purchaser or purchasers the said property in fee simple.

3. That the said Board of Directors is hereby authorized at their discretion to re-invest the proceeds of such sale, if made, in the purchase of suitable property in the City of Charleston, South Carolina, which they may select for the use and purposes of the Seminary and for residences of the professors of the Seminary.

4. That no sale of Bernheim Hall be made without proper consultation of the interests of Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. H. Cox.
M. O. J. Kreps.
W. A. Deaton.
Wm. P. Houseal.
L. L. Smith.

REPORT OF BOARD OR DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors appointed by the last Convention of the United Synod met promptly upon adjournment of that body and organized by the election of officers as follows:

President—Rev. Robert C. Holland, D. D.

Vice-President—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.

Secretary—Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D.

Treasurer—Cyprican M. Efird, Esq.

At a subsequent meeting Rev. C. A. Freed was elected Secretary in lieu of Dr. Cromer resigned. These officers were re-elected at the annual meeting in May, 1903.

The Bernheim Hall.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, together with certain other members of the Board in connection with members of the local auxiliary committee, held in Charleston, on the 19th day of June, 1902, it was resolved to purchase, for the use of the President of the Seminary, the property now known as the "Bernheim Hall," and a committee of which Hon. John F. Ficken, of Charleston, was appointed Chairman, was authorized to con-

summate the purchase, and put the same in order for occupancy at the opening of the Seminary session, beginning October 9th, 1902. This committee faithfully performed the duty assigned and by deed properly executed. the property is vested in the United Synod for the purposes aforesaid.

The purchase was made possible and feasible by a generous proposition of Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, to donate for this purpose $1,000.00, and to lend to the Board for an indefinite time $2,000.00 additional at six per cent. interest. There was thus placed in the hands of the Board the sum of $3,000.00, which was appropriated as follows:

The purchase price $2,000.00, for enlargement and refitting $1,000.00, to which latter sum was added $863.00 in order to put the property in first-class order. By private contributions the amount due on the property has been reduced to $663.00 which the Auxiliary Committee is seeking to cancel by individual subscriptions.

In consideration of the kindly aid and generosity of Dr. Bernheim in this matter so vital to the proper equipment of our Seminary, it was resolved to name the building Bernheim Hall. It is a commodious brick building, well located and eminently suited to the purpose. It will thus be seen that the United Synod is the owner of this property, subject to a mortgage in favor of Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, of the sum of two thousand dollars.

The session of 1902 to 1903 was attended by twelve students, and under the presidency of Dr. J. A. Morehead, aided in classroom work by Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, Rev. Karl Boldt, Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., progressed to a most successful conclusion.

Rev. Dr. Morehead, having been elected to the presidency of Roanoke College, tendered his resignation June 25, 1903, as president and professor in the Seminary. This resignation was accepted to take effect September 1st, 1903.

Election of Dr. A. G. Voigt.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 28, 1903, action was taken to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Morehead, which resulted in the election of Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D..as Professor of Systematic Theology and Dean of the Seminary. This appointment

was accepted by Dr. Voigt and he entered upon the duties of his office October 1st, 1903, and was regularly installed October 8th, 1903, and the work of the session was carried on under most auspicious circumstances. We are glad to note that the election of Dr. Voigt has met with general approval and has served to maintain this institution in the confidence of the church and to strengthen its claim upon the united support of our District Synods.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held in Charleston at the close of the session of 1903 to 1904, Rev. Emil G. Lund, D. D., pastor elect of St. Andrew's Church, Charleston, was elected as teacher in Seminary to succeed Rev. Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., who having accepted the call to the Presidency of Newberry College, tendered his resignation as instructor in the Seminary. While the Seminary has lost valuable men in the interest of our colleges in Virginia and South Carolina, the church is to be congratulated upon being able to promptly fill their places so successfully with men of acknowledged talent and approved merit in their respective departments.

The Board of Directors is glad to be able to announce that the annual Synodical apportionments can safely be reduced one-third, and it is therefore recommended that the same be continued as follows:

North Carolina Synod	$ 133 00
Tennessee Synod	100 00
South Carolina Synod	143 00
Virginia Synod	120 00
South-West Virginia Synod	87 00
Georgia Synod	66 00
Holston Synod	17 00
Mississippi Synod	5 00

We regret to have to record that on the 9th day of January, 1903, Rev. Prof. Karl Boldt, a scholar and able instructor in our Seminary suddenly ceased from his earthly labors, and that on the 22nd day of January, 1903, Mr. Carsten Wulbern, a member of the Board of Directors, and one of the most valuable friends of the Seminary, was also taken away from us by the hand of death. This Providence seems to us to have wrought a loss to our cause hard to overcome; yet we are the heirs of their beneficent influence, and are glad to be able to pay this tribute of affectionate rememberance.

The accompanying reports made to the Board by the Dean of the Seminary, the Treasurer of the Board, and the Chairman of the Century Memorial Endowment Committee, are made a part of this report and are submitted for record in the Minutes of the United Synod.

The Board of Directors desires to put on record grateful recognition of the encouragement and substantial co-operation of the several Synods, and the churches in general; and especially of the four churches of Charleston in their purchase of the Boldt Library at a cost of $2,000.00 and their gift of the same to the Seminary and other signal services in behalf of the institution.

The Board of Directors recommend that the action above named regarding the purchase of the Bernheim Hall be approved by the United Synod.

The Board desires to bring to the attention of the Synod the fact that the Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Academy have been negotiating for the purpose of the entire Seminary property at Mount Pleasant, S. C., and have offered for the whole property, including Bernheim Hall, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, which is very nearly the cost of the property. There is a strong desire on the part of many friends of the Seminary in Charleston to have the Seminary removed to that city, and if such removal is to be made it is urged that advantage should be taken of the present opportunity to sell at so good a price. This Board is not now prepared to recommend a sale of the property as no definite steps have yet been taken towards securing suitable quarters in Charleston. The Board, however, does recommend that the United Synod should vest the Board of Seminary Directors with discretionary power to make sale of the property, if after investigation they should come to the conclusion, that it is to the best interests of the Seminary to make such sale.

REPORT OF DEAN OF THE FACULTY FOR THE SESSION OF 1903-4.

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

Dear Brethren: By God's grace we have again been permitted to bring a session of fruitful work to a close. I have the honor now to submit to you in detail a report of the work of the session of 1903-4 and of the present condition of the Seminary.

Attendance.

Total number of Students 14. Seniors 4, Middle 7, Juniors 3. Of this number two were special students, one of whom was a pastor of nine years' experience. According to synodical connection the students are grouped as follows: Tennessee Synod, 5; S. W. Virginia Synod, 2; North Carolina Synod, 3; South Carolina Synod, 2; Georgia Synod, 1; Mississippi Synod, 1.

Work Done.

Both faculty and students have been able to attend to their duties without protracted interruptions. No serious sickness occurred. It can be said in all sincerity, the session has been one of faithful work on the part of both professors and students. The examinations, held at the close of the year, give evidence of this.

Graduating Class.

Four students have completed the course of study, and are herewith recommended to you for graduation. Their names are Thaddeus B. Epting, George H. L. Lingle, Charles R. Pless, and W. C. Schaeffer, Jr. It is also recommended that you authorize Faculty to issue a certificate to Rev. J. C. Wessinger, who attended the Seminary to supplement his theological education, a certificate of the excellent work done by him during the year.

It is noted here with pleasure that all of these gentlemen have received and accepted calls within the United Synod, except one, who, however, has specific work in view.

Refectory.

The refectory has been under the management of Mr. Julian B. Harman, of the Junior class, assisted by his competent wife. Mr. Harmon has given great satisfaction to all the students. Preliminary steps have already been taken to continue the present management for another session.

Benefactions.

If any portion of this report will give pleasure to you, it will be this. You will rejoice in both the large and small benefactions received by the Seminary during the past year.

The Boldt Library.

Early in the session the valuable library of the sainted Pastor Karl Boldt, purchased for the Seminary by the Charleston churches at a cost of $2,000.00, was removed to our main building. This gift included valuable furniture for our library. Through this increase the library has outgrown present shelf room.

The Literary Fund.

In unsolicited response to a suggestion made in the Lutheran Visitor a friend of the Seminary who desires to remain unknown, sent us a donation of a check for $500 for the purchase of the library books. It is the opinion of the Faculty that the most of this sum should be used as the beginning of a Library fund, the interest of which is to be used for making needed additions to the library from time to time. Accordingly $400 of the generous donation has been set aside as a permanent fund. Most of the remaining $100 has already been expended for books. We submit this plan for your consideration, hoping for your approval. We do this in the belief that this fund can gradually be increased. Another $100 has already been promised.

The New International Encyclopedia.

Through the active exertions of Prof. J. G. Schaid, of Walhalla, S. C., a number of friends of the Seminary purchased and donated to our institution the valuable New International Encyclopedia.

Maintaining the Dormitories and Study Rooms.

At the request of the Dean five of the parties, who so kindly furnished students' rooms when the present buildings were first occupied, have consented to keep up the supplies of these rooms as wear and tear make this necessary. The list of these kind donors is here given.

1. A lady in St. John's church, Charleston, S. C.
2. The Ladies Society of St. Andrew's church, Charleston, S. C.
3. The Ladies Society of St. Paul's church, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.
4. The Franen Verin of St. Matthew's church, Charleston, S. C.
5. The Orangeburg Conference of the S. C. Synod.

While speaking of benefactions received, it is proper also to

refer to the continued kindness towards the students manifested by many friends in the Lutheran churches of Charleston.

Assistance of Charleston Pastors.

In accordance with the request of the Board of Directors, Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., rendered valuable assistance during the session as professors in the institution. They came over from Charleston each every other week and gave highly appreciated instruction in the branches assigned to them. The value of the co-operation of these brethren is not to be estimated merely by the time they bestow. Their personal influence is perhaps of even higher importance than the valuable instruction they give. The co-operation of these active pastors is a vital factor in the strength of the Faculty.

Condition of the Property.

The property of the Seminary is in good, but not perfect condition. But only small repairs are necessary, that can be defrayed from the incidental fund.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Voigt.

Mt. Pleasant, May 14, 1904.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN CENTURY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE—JULY 25, 1904.

The Treasurer's report of this date shows whole amount paid into the hands on Century Memorial Endowment since the inauguration of the movement to be $25,552.

The roll book show as still unpaid $3,911.95. This unpaid amount is distributed as follows.

North Carolina Synod	$ 214 25
Tennessee Synod	172 75
Virginia Synod	49 00
South Carolina Synod	2357 80
South-West Virginia Synod	550 25
Individual Subscriptions	50 00
Notes for Subscription	475 00
Total	$3,911 95

R. C. Holland.

SNYPOSIS OF MEMORIAL FUND.

From the reports of the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund made to the Board for the two years since the meeting of this body we take the following snyposis:

Amount of corpus May 7, 1904	$29,900 81
Invested in notes and bonds, secured by mortgage on real estate on same date	27,620 20
Invested in note Virginia Synod	2,000 00
Total Investments	$29,620 20

From May 3, 1902, to May 16, 1903, received on interest account and contributions to running expenses $3,622.03 and disbursed for same time $2,969.17.

From May 16, 1903, to May 7, 1904, received on interest account and contributions to running expenses $3,076.82 and disbursements for same time $3,409.87.

The deferred item of the Report on Orphan Home was adopted, and the Report adopted as a whole.

REPORT ON THE ORPHAN HOME.

To the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Dear Brethren: In behalf of the Trustees it gives me pleasure to report that the work of your Orphan Home has been carried on successfully since your last meeting. Through the generous support extended the Home by the church, it has expanded and improved its work in every way. Some additional land has been purchased near the present commodious building, thus securing ample room for garden and play-grounds, and also preventing the possibility of undesirable surroundings.

The present number of children in the Home is fifty-five, of whom thirty-three are from Virginia, four from South-West Virginia, twelve from North Carolina, and six from Tennessee. The executive Committee exercises judicious care in the consideration and reception of all applicants. The average number of children cared for during the past two years is something more than forty-six—a charitable work of no inconsiderable proportions. The average cost for each child has been $75.59 a year, which is considerably less than the cost in most similiar institutions.

With the expansion of the work it has been necessary to increase the force of helpers. It is no easy matter to care for a family of nearly sixty children. Besides the Superintendent and matron, there are now in the Home a housekeeper, a sewing instructor, a primary teacher, and a teacher for advanced pupils. These employes are all serving at modest, not to say self-denying salaries. The Superintendent receives $400 a year, his wife giving her service free as matron. The other ladies receive an average salary of $15.50 a month.

The practical side of education receives attention. The Home aims to develop habits of industry and to make its children self-supporting when they leave the institution.. During the school term, one-half the time of the older boys is devoted to manual labor, such as cutting wood, attending to garden and stock, mending shoes, working in the printing office, and keeping their rooms in order. The girls learn to sew, mend, wash, iron, sweep, cook, and in short to do all kinds of household work.

The school term has been fixed at nine months and a half. The primary pupils are in school five hours a day. The moral and religious side of education receives special attention and perhaps no feature of the work is more gratifying than the large proportion of the children who are in this way brought into active membership with the church.

The support of the Home still continues generous both in mony and in gifts in kind. The receipts of the past year show a small gain over the receipts of the preceding year. The total receipts for the past two years have been $7,758.47, of which $1,310.76 have been gifts in kind. The sources of these contributions are as follows:

North Carolina Synod	1,690 30
South-West Virginia Synod	1,632 66
Virginia Synod	1,410 86
South Carolina Synod	1,062 62
Tennessee Synod	376 53
Georgia Synod	190 52
Holston Synod	123 27
Mississippi Synod	57 05
Pay Children	725 25
Miscellaneous	271 03
Rent from Farm House	193 65

The Trustees, at their last annual meeting, gave careful consideration to an awarded charter, in order to conform it in all

respects to the wishes of the United Synod as indicated at Charleston. The result of their efforts will be found in the accompanying charter, which places the Home under the absolute control of the United Synod through trustees of its own choice. It is hoped that the amended charter will be found satisfactory in every particular.

The Trustees have decided to place before you and the church a full and conservative estimate of the financial condition of the Home. They therefore invite attention to the following figures:

Main Building (original cost $64,500.00) containing nearly 100 rooms,	$ 31,000
Forty-five town lots.	1,500
Old Orphanage Building with 8 acres of land	2,500
Personal property, consisting of Printing Office outfit (valued at $800.00). Laundry outfit, Kitchen and Dining room outfit, Stoves, Tables, Chairs, three Musical Instruments, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Bedding, School Room Furnishings, seven Sewing Machines, two Cows, one Horse, one Wagon, Farming Tools, etc.	2,500
	$37,500

Liabilities.

Bonded Debt (interest 5 per cent.)	$ 14,500 00
Accumulated Interest	1,656 03
Total	$16,156 03
Net Assets	$21,343 97

The Trustees hope that the United Synod at this meeting will take steps to liquidate the indebtedness of the Home, and thus remove a heavy handicap in its work. They have thought it best to leave the devising of the plan to the wise judgment of your body.

Before this report is closed, grateful mention should be made of a special gift of $500, by a friend at Salisbury, N. C., who wishes his name withheld, and also of two bequests. The first is that of Mrs. F. W. Heyer, of Wilmington, N. C., amounting to $300; and the second is that of Mr. F. P. Cover, of Andrews, N. C., amounting to $9,000.00. The latter is not yet available.

Respectfully submitted,

F. V. N. PAINTER, Secretary.

REPORT ON ORPHAN HOME.

We your Committee to whom the report of the Board of the Orphans' Home at Salem. Va., and the subjects involved were committed beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend that the title to the Orphans' Home shall be vested in the United Synod.

2. We recommend that this Committee hereinafter provided for shall appoint one lawyer practicing in Virginia and the Orphans' Home appoint one and the two to regulate and examine the title of the property now owned by the Orphans' Home and if they find the title good that they prepare and have executed such deed and take such steps as may be necessary under the laws of Virginia to vest such title in the Synod.

3. We recommend that a Committee of five be appointed to conduct a canvass for raising $16,000 to pay off the indebtedness and that the said committee be limited to two years for the accomplishing of this work.

4. We recommend that Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. B. W. Cronk, Rev. C. K. Bell and Rev. L. A. Fox be appointed as such committee with full powers to conduct the canvass.

5. We recommend that the Synod do now constitute the present Board of Trustees to serve until the next bi-annual meeting of this body, with authority to manage, maintain, and control the Orphan Home, adopting such rules and regulations therefor as to the Board seems proper and to have made any changes in the charter thereof which shall become necessary to perfect the transfer herein provided for.

6. We recommend that the Synod by adopting this item express its profound appreciation of the generous gifts and bequest made during the last bi-ennium and earnestly commend the Home to our people in making a disposition of their property after their death.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Fox.
B. S. Brown.
G. B. Cromer.
M. M. Kinard.
C. M. Efird.

The following report, nominating Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, was received and adopted:

We your Committee charged with the duty of nominating a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary would report the following as such Board:

Revs. R. C. Holland, W. C. Schaeffer, L. G. M. Miller, W. A. Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, C. A. Marks, J. H. Wilson, Messrs. J. F. Picken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelmann, J. E. Cooper, E. H. Jahns.

Respectfully submitted,
M M. Kinard.
V. Y. Boozer.
W. A. Deaton.
Paul Seig.
W. H. Greever.

The following was adopted on the New Market edition of the Book of Concord:

NEW MARKET EDITION OF THE BOOK OF CONCORD

Whereas, We recognize that the publication of the New Market edition of the Book of Concord was an event second to scarcely any other in importance for the maintenance and strengthening of Lutheranism in this country and especially in the territory now embraced in the United Synod; and

Whereas, We are powerfully reminded by our meeting here in New Market of this interesting historical event, and especially of the fact that it was just 50 years ago that the second edition of the Book of Concord in English appeared, the preface being dated July 4, 1854; therefore

Resolved, That this preamble and resolution be spread upon our Minutes as an expression of our appreciation of the labors and wise enterprise of the members of the Henkel family in getting out the Book of Concord in English, also, as a testimonial to their faithful adherence to the true doctrine and policy of the Lutheran church during so many years of general indifference and falling away from the faith.

On motion, 10 A. M., tomorrow was fixed as the hour for the formal reception of Rev. D. B. Floyd, the official Representative of the General Synod.

The Synod was adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Weltner.

At 8 P. M., addresses on Home Missions were delivered by Revs. M. M. Kinard and E. C. Cronk.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, July 30, 1904, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order and opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. B. S. Brown.

Roll was called, and Minutes of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

Report of Committee on Seminary Board was, on motion, reconsidered. Rev. J. H. Wilson and Mr. E. H. Jahns were added to the Board of Directors, and the report adopted as amended.

Report of Committee on District Synods was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

The Committee on District Synods submit the following report,:

We find by examination of the Minutes of the several district synods that all are actively engaged in the work of the Master. Each one is striving to do local work looking to the promotion of the church.

There is increased interest in Christian education, missions, and Sunday school work. The different educational institutions located within the bounds of the Southern Church are growing stronger from year to year in the hearts of our people. This is evident by the increased facilities in the way of buildings and equipemnts for educational work. We hope the time is not far distant when our people will all rally to the support of Church Institutions and make them centers of great Christian activity.

We note with pleasure greater activity in each Synod in local Mission work. In some sections the Mission work is largely

carried on in connection with the general body, while in other places, more is done under the supervision of the district synod or conferences. This accounts to some extent for the disparity of the contributions towards the Home Mission work of the United Synod.

It would be beneficial to the cause of Missions if the Mission Boards of the several district synods and conferences would report to the Mission Board of this body the amount of funds raised and the work done by each district synod. Such statistics would invite comparison and arouse greater interest in this important work.

Our people are becoming more churchly in their practical Christian life, as they acquire a deeper appreciation of the confessions of the church with a greater knowledge of the doctrines and cultus of the church they will more fully realize they are brethren of the same faith.

We also note with pleasure that many congregations have built new houses of worship, houses for the pastor, and other evidences of material prosperity among our people. In the greater prosperity which has come to our Southland, our people have not lost their reverence for the church and their love of spiritual things.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. Cline.
Z. W. Bedenbaugh.
E. C. Weltner.

Committee on Minutes of last Synod reported. Adopted.

MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We, your Committee on Minutes of the last Convention of this body find but three things calling for action, viz :

1. On page 53, it is recorded that "The Secretary was instructed to have the Minutes of this Synod together with those of the General Synod South, and the Diet, bound, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the cost of the same." Has this been done? In part.

2. On page 79, we find that a Committee consisting of Revs. S. T. Hallman, J. C. Moses and C. B. King was appointed to prepare a simplified form of statistical reports.

Has the Committee any thing to report to this body?—Duty performed and report ready.

3. On page 40, we find a recommendation that the district synods, through their conferences devise ways and means for the general dissemination of Lutheran literature among our people. We would ask what has been in the matter? —In part.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. H. Cox.
Paul Sieg.
W. L. Seabrook.
H. J. Mathias.
A. D. R. Hancher.

Report of Committee on President's Report was submitted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report of the President exhibits a spirit of sympathetic interest in the work to which the body is called, and breathes a cheering hopefulness combined with an appreciative recognition of our needs and limitations and we would join in the call of our President to larger undertakings and more hearty and general co-operations.

We commend this report as worthy to be carefully read by our people, both for the information it presents, and the observations therein contained in connection with the several branches of the work submitted to our attention.

Inasmuch as the various interests referred to in this report will be passed upon by this body, Committees upon reports of Committees having the same in charge, we content ourselves with the recommendation that the President's report be spread upon the Minutes as a valuable contribution to the work of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Holland.
J. P. Stirewalt.
J. B. Greiner.
E. A. Shenk.
M. M. Kinard.
Geo. B. Cromer.

Resolved, That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the district synods, beginning with this convention, and that such district synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

Revs. W. K. Sligh, W. P. Cline and V. Y. Boozer were appointed a committee to nominate visitors to other general bodies.

The following Board of Missions was nominated and elected:

Revs. R. C. Holland, W. L. Seabrook, L. G. M. Miller, H. E. H. Sloop, W. C. Schaeffer, S. D. Steffey, W. A. Deaton and Mr. J. E. Cooper, Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer.

The official Visitor to the General Synod made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

I had the honor to represent the United Synod as its fraternal delegate to the 41st Convention of the General Synod, held in the First Church, Baltimore, Md., June 3-11, 1903, and would report that I was most cordially received by that body. It was a great pleasure as well as an inspiration to be present and to hear the details of the work of this aggressive, wide-awake body of our beloved church, and to form an appreciation of the strength and power of its wise and systematic organization. To the perfection of their organization in the departments of Missions, Publication, Orphanage, etc., is largely due the great and well known efficiency and fruitfulness in these many important branches of Christian work. Your delegate was pleased to present to this body our greetings and our work, and will ever remember most pleasantly his kind and brotherly reception and the very warm welcome given him as the representative of the Southern Church.

Rev. J. W. Richard, D. D., LL. D., was appointed principal and Rev. D. B. Floyd alternate, as fraternal visitors to this body by the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.

Rev. D. B. Floyd, official Visitor from the General Synod, was introduced, and invited to address the Synod. He presented the greetings of his Synod in an address full of interest and words of cheer.

By request of President Yoder, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer responded in appropriate terms, assuring the General Synod, through her representative, of our most cordial greeting.

The Committee on the Publication Interests of the United Synod reported. The report was considered by items, amended and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION INTERESTS OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

There were referred to this Committee the following reports:

1. Report of Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers.
2. Report of Board of Publication.
3. Report of Committee on a Common Sunday School Literature.

Your Committee offers the following recommendations:

Report of Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers.

It should be a cause of no little gratification that this long cherished purpose is about to be fulfilled and we are of opinion that for its realization the Synod is in large measure indebted to the patient and intelligent efforts of its Committee. We recommend:

(a.) That the United Synod endorse the arrangement as outlined in the proposition of the United Synod Publishing Committee.

(b.) That a committee of five, to be known as the Publishing Committee of the United Synod, be appointed in accordance with item five of the aforesaid proposition and that the consolidation of the two papers take place under the direction of this Committee.

Report of Board of Publication.

Not unmindful of the faithful labors hitherto performed by this Board and the valuable service it has rendered to the Synod we recommend,

That the aforesaid Publishing Committee shall be considered

the successor of the Board of Publication, when the present obligations of the said Board shall have been fiulfilled, and that in the meantime, the new publishing interests of all the Synod go into the hands of the Publishing Comimttee.

Report of Committee on Common Sunday School Literature.

(a.) That the Publishing Committee be instructed to devise ways and means to meet the first payment of the picture-charts, and that it be authorized to make a loan for this purpose, if such loan be found necessary.

(b.) That the Publishing Committee be authorized to make an arrangement with the United Synod Publishing Company whereby the latter may become the repository and distributing agent of the picture-charts and of other Sunday School supplies.

(c.) That our Sunday Schools be requested to order their supplies through this agency.

(d.) That the President of the United Synod be authorized to execute the contract for the publication of the picture-charts on behalf of the United Synod.

(e.) That it is unwise at this time to take definite action with relation to a common Sunday School Journal; but we recommend that the Publishing Committee be instructed to arrange with the owner and publisher of the Southern Lutheran for the continuation of its publication.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Horine.
R. C. Holland.
J. L. Deaton.
V. Y. Boozer.
W. C. Schaeffer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF CHURCH PAPERS.

Your Committee appointed at the Charleston Convention (see last Minutes pages 82-83) to take into consideration the consolidation of our two church papers, and to further consider the better organization of our publishing interests beg leave to submit the following report:

The committee consulted the publishers of The Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper, and also wrote the editor of The Southern Lutheran.

The two former have made the United Synod propositions

looking to consolidation, and the Committee also understands that the Southern Lutheran can be secured for the consolidation. Because of the various agencies identified with our publishing interests, the Committee thought it not necessary to correspond with these different parties.

Resolved, That the United Synod agrees to the proposition of the Visitor Company to take over Our Church Paper, under the agreement of their supplemental proposition, the United Synod having the option to buy the consolidated papers at the cost price. It is further agreed that this consolidation take place under the direction of a Committee of this body and that such Committee represent the United Synod until the next Convention.

The propositions from the Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper are appended to this report for information and discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. Smith.
L. A. Fox.
C. B. King.
G. B. Cromer.

Proposition of the Lutheran Visitor Company to the Committee For Consolidation of Church Papers For the United Synod.

Proposition 1.The Lutheran Visitor Company will sell to the Consolidation Committee, or to Henkel and Company, its charter, subscription lists, good will, and everything pertaining to the Lutheran Visitor for $3,000.00 and the Company will dissolve.

Proposition 2. The Lutheran Visitor Company will undergo such organization as may be necessary, and will provide sufficient capital for the purchase of "Our Church Paper" and for the publication of a new consolidated paper upon the following conditions:

1st. That the purchase price of "Our Church Paper" be considered reasonable by the new Publishing Company.

2nd. That the United Synod recognize the new consolidated paper (which the new Publishing Company will guarantee to be a marked improvement over either of the papers now in existence) by making it the official organ of the United Synod.

3rd. That the United Synod retain a perpetual option for the purchase and possession of said paper, at what may be con-

sidered a reasonable price, the price to be fixed by a disinterested committee of three, chosen, one member by the United Synod, one by the Publishing Company, and one by the other two thus chosen.

4th. That the actual editorial and business management of said consolidated paper be left in the hands of the said new Publishing Company, but that the United Synod appoint regularly an Advisory Committee, which shall exercise censership over the editorial management of the new paper and report to the United Synod at its regular meetings; and that the United Synod shall be free to withdraw its official recognition of said paper whenever said paper shall cease to be considered a satisfactory organ by the United Synod.

5th. That the new Publishing Company will endeavor to locate its Publication office at such geographical point as will make it most accessible to every part of the territory of the United Synod, and will seek, as far as possible, to give equitable satisfaction to the interest of each district synod, and to every department of the general work of the church.

LUTHERAN VISITOR Co.,
W. H. Greever, President.
C. A. Freed, Vice-President.
Wm. P. Houseal, Sec'y and Treas.

Proposition of Henkel and Company to the Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers For the United Synod.

New Market, Va., May 25, 1904.

Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., Chairman Committee on Consolidation of Our Church Paper and Lutheran Visitor:

We will sell to you, or the Lutheran Visitor Company, Columbia, South Carolina, with a view to its being consolidated with the Lutheran Visitor—the consolidated paper to become the official organ of the United Synod of the South—Our Church Paper, for Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($950). This to be construed only to include its subscription or mailing list, good will and advertising patronage, as shown in its columns, as far as we are able to control it; and when sale is consummated we will cease the publication of Our Church Paper.

All advertising obligations, if any be due on Our Church Paper, will be paid us, and all amounts due on subscription, advertising, etc., up to consummation of sale and to date we cease to publish

said paper, remain solely the property of Henkel and Company, to be dealt with as they deem best. If sold they assume the obligation to remit, pro rata, at rate paid to each subscriber, in cash, to those who have paid in advance, with the consolidated paper, at a rate, not exceeding $1.00 per year—the price at which Our Church Paper is now published—pro rata, for any time, for one year or less.

The object and tenor of this offer is to secure a consolidation of the two papers, to be the official organ of the United Synod of the South, and under its editorial control with some proviso, if it can be arranged, that the paper ultimately become the property of said Synod, should it desire to purchase and own said paper.

HENKEL AND CO.,
Ambrose L. Henkel.
Elon O. Henkel.

Rev. L. L. Simth, D. D., Chairman Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers:

We the undersigned, as the Board of Corporators of the United Synod Publishing Company, are authorized to notify you that at a meeting held in Columbia on the 15th of June, 1904, all necessary preliminary steps were taken for the organization of a new publishing company to be known as the United Synod Publishing Company, which hereby submits the following proposition for the purchase of the Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper, subject to the approval of the United Synod, whereupon a charter will be secured from the State of South Carolina and the permanent organization of the Company effected.

1. The capital stock of this Company will be $5,000, of which 80 per cent. is to be paid into the Treasury of the Company.

2. This Company agrees to purchase The Lutheran Visitor at the price of $3,000, and Our Church Paper at the price of $950.

3. The Company agrees that the name of the new paper shall be, The Church Visitor, with the indication either on the title or editorial page as having been consolidated from The Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper.

4. The editorial and business management will be constituted as follows: Editor in chief, Rev. W. H. Greever; Contributing Editors, Revs. S. T. Hallman, D. D., and C. A. Freed; Managing

Editor, Mr. Wm. P. Houseal. Business Manager, Rev. C. A. Freed; Assistant Business Manager, Mr. Wm. P. Houseal.

5. This Company asks the United Synod to adopt the new paper as its official organ and agrees to place its editorial management under the censorship of an Advisory Committee to be appointed regularly by the United Synod.

6. The new Company agrees to give the United Synod an option at the end of four years, to purchase the new paper, its business and good will, and everything pertaining thereto, for the sum of $3,950.00, with the addition of whatever amount shall have been necessary for the successful conduct of the new paper.

7. The subscription price of the new paper shall be $1.50 per annum.

8. The new Company binds itself to consider carefully the demand of its constituency as to the character of the advertising matter inserted in its columns of the new paper and to exclude all objectionable advertisements at the expiration of the present contract.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Your Board would submit the following as their biennial report. The Board organized by the election of W. H. Greever, Chairman, A. H. Kohn, Secretary, and E. H. Aull, Treasurer. Executive Committee, W. H. Greever, S. T. Hallman, J. W. Eargle, A. G. Wise and A. H. Kohn.

The operations of the Board have been necessarily circumscribed, especially so under the resolution passed at the last session of the Synod in Charleston, South Carolina. (Page 83. Sec. 4.) The Board did not know at what minute they would be called upon to consolidate and this hampered the work. The Superintendent continued the publication of the Book of Worship and the Southern Lutheran. The Superintendent also printed with the Boards imprint the proceedings of the Second Lutheran Conference. See report Superintendent.

As we said in our last report if the publication interest of the Synod could be consolidated there is no reason that your Board can see why it should not be a source of considerable income to the Synod, and an important factor in the progress and development of our church work.

Again we would call attention to the report of the Superintendent

in reference to Dr. Peery's "Lutherans in Japan." At these times it seems that it should have a large sale. If this edition could be disposed of it would be to the financial betterment of the Board.

As the Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers had the matter of consolidation of publication interest of the Board in hand we have nothing to report on that line except to say that the Publication Board will not stand in the way of any forward movement which may come before Synod and will give it our hearty co-operation and support.

The report of the Superintendent is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Greever, Chm.
A. H. Kohn.
V. R. Stickley.
S. T. Hallman.
A. G. Wise.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Newberry, S. C., July 20, 1904.

Rev. W. H. Greever, Chairman Lutheran Publication Board.

Dear Sir: I beg herewith to submit my third report as your Superintendent.

I renewed my contract with the Common Service Committee for the publication of the Book of Worship. The sales have been about the same during the past two years as they were for the two previous years. Some of the finer bindings I find very little demand for; in fact, as you will see from my report of books on hand, I have sold very few copies; and, in fact, have on hand quite a number of those that were bound up six years ago. In as much as there has been some uncertainty about the continuation of the present book and as my contract expires at each meeting of the United Synod, I have endeavored to reduce my stock as much as possible. I regret that during the last few months I have not been able to fill all orders for the cloth bound edition of the Book of Worship, and it is due both to myself and all interested that the cause of this inability be explained; to furnish it at the price at which it is sold, it is neces-

sary to have it bound in comparatively large lots; a few cannot be bound at the same price. The contract with the Common Service Committees expires with the meeting of the United Synod. It has been announced through the Church papers that te work of the Joint Committee on Common Hymnal has been the work of the Joint Committee on Common Hymnal has been resolutions "overturing the United Synod to substitute the new Hymnal for our present Hymnal and provide for its early publication, if adopted by the United Synod." (See South Carolina Synod Minutes, page 31.)

With the possibility of the publication of a new book, business prudence prompted me to let the stock run down as low as possible. It was not expected that all of the cheaper editions would have been sold and they would not have been had the Synod met at its usual time in the month of May. The orders, however, the filling of which has been prevented by this shortage, do not exceed one hundred copies. I have written to all parties from whom I have received orders, explaining the situation.

I have, as stated in my last report, printed Rev. R. B. Peery's "Lutherans in Japan," but I regret to state that the sale of this book has been very small. As I stated in my last report, the book was written for the purpose of giving the Lutherans of the United Synod information of the work which the Synod is doing in Japan. I printed an edition of two thousand copies, but have sold considerably less than five hundred. It may be because the book has not been sufficiently advertised and pushed, or it may be because our people prefer to buy a book published by a Northern house. Certainly it cannot be the fault of the book either in matter of mechanical make-up. The fact remains that I have been unable to place it in the homes of our people.

During the past year a proposition was made to our Board from the Secretaries of the Second General Conference of Lutherans, held in Philadelphia in 1902, to publish the proceedings of that Conference. The Publication houses of the General Synod North and of the General Council both declined to undertake the work. It was undertaken by our Board and the book was printed. We had to rush the work very much in order to have it out in time for the meeting of the Third General Conference of Lutherans held in Pittsburg, but I succeeded in getting it out in time for this meeting. I attended this Conference in person and had with me a number of copies of the proceedings

of the Second Conference. I secured a sufficient number of orders, if all the books are taken and paid for to just about cover the cost of getting the book out. I have on hand two or three hundred copies still.

At the meeting of the Third Conference in Pittsburg I was awarded a contract to print the proceedings of the Third Conference. There has been some little delay in getting the copy, but it is now in my hands and work will be commenced on it very soon.

I feel that the Board has accomplished something, because if it had not been in existence the proceedings of the Second General Conference of Lutherans, in all probability, would never have been published.

I have continued the publication of the Southern Lutheran and when Rev. W. H. Greever, who was the editor, became interested in the Lutheran Visitor he found that it would be impossible for him to continue as editor of the Southern Lutheran, and I secured the services of Rev. W. L. Seabrook, who kindly consented to take up the work, at least until the meeting of the United Synod. The subscription list to the Southern Lutheran has gradually grown until we now print twenty-five hundred copies. This number barely pays the cost of publication in as much as the paper has to depend exclusively on its subscription list. If the list could be doubled we could make it a source of small income to the Board. I trust that the Synod may be able to reach some plan by which all of the publication interests may be united, and if this can be done it will be possible to do better work and to make these interests a source of income to the Synod.

I have no recommendations to make.

The following is the financial statement:

Balance on hand June 30, 1904, Printing and Com. Book of Worship .. .. ..

wards the eventual attainment of a true Lutheran supply that will be acceptable to all our English speaking people." A full meeting was immediately held in Charleston, which instructed the Chairman to open correspondence with other general bodies, and to adopt vigorous methods for the furtherance of our aim. The Chairman therefore addressed letters to Dr. W. H. Dunbar, of the General Synod, and Dr. Theodore E. Schmauk, of the General Council as representing the Sunday School interests of those two bodies. Our overtures were met in a most friendly spirit, and a correspondence ensued which is in our hands and subject to the inspection of this body at any time Such favorable progress was made that at our suggestion a Joint Conference was finally agreed to, and in April, 1903, your Chairman met the two other Chairmen already named, at Philadelphia, in order to formulate plans for the eventual attainment of our purpose.

It was agreed at this meeting that for the present we should confine our labors to the so-called primary grades, and that nothing should be done to supplant the use of the International lessons or of the General Council' graded series or of other systems in the more advanced departments. With this understanding distinctly in mind we undertook the formulation of plans for a graded system of primary instruction, whereof the following presents a brief general outline:

We believe, first of all that a true Lutheran system of primary instruction should begin with the baptized child. The recent general movement toward the formation of "cradle rolls" is a confirmation of the Lutheran position. But the "cradle roll" is a mere beginning; an evidence, simply, of the recognition of a vital need. In our judgment, two manuals for the use of Lutheran mothers might profitably be provided. The first of them might be called, "In the Mother's Arms;" and should be designed to impress on the mother's heart the deep significance and responsibility of child training, and to prepare her mind as well as may be toward that end. The second of these manuals might be characterized or named, "At the Mother's Knee;" and should provide the simplest Christian songs and sentences to be taught to the infant child before he is old enough to enter the Sunday School. We believe that the adoption of proper manuals of this kind might do much to solve the serious problem of early Christian training in the home.

After the child has entered the Sunday School, it seems to us that in a fully graded school there might well be three primary grades. Let it be understood here, however, that the system would not require or presuppose the use of every grade in every school; it would, when completed, provide full grades for such schools as should require them, and the three primary grades would be based on the natural development of child mind character.

First, there is a "kindergarten" period, when the child is living in a world "garden" full of mystery, full of wonder, full of fairies or of angels, and when the wonder-stories of the Bible may be presented in such abiding fashion as never to be lost. We believe that at this early period the miracle stories of the Old and New Testaments ought to be presented in the simplest and most attractive form. The age of this grade might embrace the ages of three to six years, inclusive.

Secondly, the child passes from a world of wonder into a world of work, when the impressions of early infancy seek to express themselves in construction. This is the age of building blocks, of slate and pencil, and of colored crayons. We believe that the Sunday School should utilize this age through the use of improved educational methods,—by the means of simple sand-tables, etc.,—so as to draw out the constructive tendencies of the awakening child in the building up of simple Scriptural conceptions. In other words, the first period is concerned with intangible mysteries; the second period deals with tangible facts. The age of this grade might include the years, six to eight.

Thirdly, we believe that when the children have reached this age, they are ready for permanent classification. Hitherto they have been gathered in a general department, without classes. We believe that this third grade might be properly instructed by means chiefly of picture charts, the sense of form and color being by this time sufficiently developed to make their use efficacious, and the employment of such general methods affording opportunities for investigation with a view to proper classing, at this time.

Your Committee merely suggests these plans in outline. We have not prepared a system in detail, with the single exception of the picture charts. We found that the grade which was most in need of supplies was the one that came last in

our scheme. There are no suitable picture charts published anywhere for use in a first-class Sunday School. So manifest is this fact that the Chairman thinks that there would be considerable outside demand for a good annual supply of Sunday School picture-charts. Not only so, but we found that the Joint Synod of Ohio would co-operate with us in the preparation of these picture-charts. For all these reasons, after simply providing a theoretical superstructure for the chart grade, we concentrated all our energies on this particular work, which opens a field of practical co-operation at this time. The Chairman of your Committee has been in constant correspondence with the other Chairmen upon this question (Rev. J. Sheatsley, representing the Joint Synod of Ohio), and at a conference held in Pittsburg just after Easter, 1904, we found ourselves able to agree upon two sets of pictures, with texts, of fifty-two pictures each, one set from the New Testament, the other from the Old Testament, each set to be arranged for a year's use in the Sunday School. The final list of subjects and texts is attached to this report as Appendix A. The three other general bodies have acted favorably upon this question of the picture charts, and are ready to proceed with actual publication, as soon as our consent and co-operation can be secured. Since this meeting of the United Synod opened, your Committee has received a blank duplicate contract for this work, which is attached to this report as Appendix B, and presents the matter in detail. We may add that the General Synod and the General Council have also endorsed our entire general scheme, and that the General Council has already proceeded, on its own initiative, to issue literature covering two departments of the system.

Common Sunday School Paper.

When the Chairman of your Committee attended the fiirst Chairmen's conference aforesaid, he learned that a movement was already in progress between the General Synod and the General Council looking to the issue of a Common Sunday School paper. These two bodies welcomed the United Synod to their deliberations and co-operative plans. An agreement was reached which is attached to this report as Appendix C.

Recommendations.

This report was finally arranged by a meeting of the Committee held in New Market, Virginia, yesterday, the only absent

member being the Rev. Dr. J. C. Moser. We present the following items for your action:

1. Your Committee report their work in connection with the picture charts as already accomplished. They recommend co-operation with the other general bodies in this matter.

2. They ask the Synod to determine what disposition shall be made of the business features of this matter, viz., the actual publication of the charts.

3. They ask Synod to express its judgment with reference to co-operation in a Common Sunday School Journal.

4. They present a partial bill of expenses, amounting to $35.00, and ask that the same be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. B. Scherer.
R. C. Holland.
Geo. B. Cromer.
L. A. Fox.

Appendix A.—Subjects and Golden Texts For Charts.

Final and Official List.

New Testament.

1. Giving The Child John a Name.—Luke 1:18-13, 59-63.—"Thou shalt call his name John."—Luke 1:13.

2. Jesus Laid in the Manger.—Luke 2:1-7.—"Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor."—II Cor. 8:9.

3. The Angels Appear to the Shepherds.—Luke 2:8-20.—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 2:14.

4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:21-39.—"Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins."—Matt. 1:21.

5. The Wise Men.—Matt. 2:1 11.—"They fell down and worshipped him."—Matt. 2:11.

6. Jesus and His Home at Nazareth.—Luke 2:39-40, 51-52.—"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."—Exodus 20:12.

7. The Boy Jesus in the Temple.—Luke 2:41-49.—"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalms 1:22-1.

8. John the Baptist preaching.—Matt. 3:1-12.—"Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."—Matt. 3:2.

9. John the Baptist Points to Jesus.—John 1:29-37.—"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

10. Jesus Tempted.—Matt. 4:1-11.—"Jesus was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."—Heb. 4: 15.

11. The First Disciples of Jesus.—John 1:35-46.—"I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest."—Mat. 8:19.

12. The Marriage at Cana.—John 2:1-11.—"And we beheld His glory."—John 1:14.

13. The Nobleman Comes to Jesus For His Son.—John 4:46-54.—"Go thy way; thy son liveth."—John 4:50.

14. Jesus And The Woman of Samaria.—John 4:5-26—"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."—John 4:14.

15. The Sermon on The Mount.—Matt. 1:1-12; 7: 7-12, 24-27.—"Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."—Luke 28.

16. The Healing of The Palsied Man.—Mark 2:1-12."—Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."—Matt. 9:2.

17. The Calling of Matthew.—Matt. 9:9-17.—"Follow me. And he arose, and followed him."—Matt. 9:9.

18. Christ Sending Out The Apostles.—Matt. 9:35-38; 10:1-8—"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—Matt. 28:19.

19. The Alabaster Vase.—Luke 7:36-50.—"She hath wrought a good work on me."—Mark 14:6.

20. John Condemning King Herod.—Mark 6:14-29.—"He was a burning and a shining light."—John 5:35.

21. The Feeding of The Five Thousand.—John 6:1-13.—"Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life."—John 6:35.

22. The Woman of Canaan.—Mark 7:24-30.—"O woman, great is thy faith."—Matt. 15:28.

23.The Good Shepherd.—John 10:1-16.—"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."—John 10:11.

24. The Good Samaritan.—Luke 10:25-37.—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Matt. 22:39.

25. Blind Bartimeus.—Mark 10:46-52.—"The eyes of the blind shall be opened."—Isa. 35:5.

26. The Departure of The Prodigal.—Luke 15:11-19.—"I perish with hunger!"—Luke 15:17.

27. The Return of The Prodigal.—Luke 15:20-32.—"Father, I have sinned and am no more worthy to be called thy son."—Luke 15:21.

28. Jesus Calling Children to Himself.—Mark 10:13-16.—"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."—Mark 10:14.

29. Busy Martha.—Luke 10:38-42.—"Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: gut one thing is needful." —Luke 10:41-42.

30. The Rich Young Ruler.—Mark 10:17-27.—"Come, take up the cross, and follow me."—Mark 10:21.

31. Lazarus Raised From The Dead.—John 11:1-6, 39-44.—"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life.—John 11:25.

32. Zaccheus Climbs Into The Tree.—Luke 19:1-10.—"He sought to see Jesus."—Luke 19:3.

33. Jesus Riding Into Jerusalem.—Matt. 21:1-9.—"Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee."—Matt. 21:5.

34.The Ten Virgins.—Matt. 25:1-13.—"And the door was shut." —Matt. 25:10.

35. Jesus Taken Captive.—Mark 14:43-50.—"The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."—Matt. 26:45.

36. Peter Denies Christ.—Mark 14:66-72.—"And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, and went out, and wept bitterly."—Luke 22:61-62.

37. The Crucifixion.—Luke 23:35-47.—"The Son of man came to give his life a ransom for many."—Matt. 20:28.

38. The Death And Burial of Jesus.—John 19:31-42.—"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and he was buried."—I Cor. 15:3-4.

39. The Angels in the Sepulchre.—Luke 24:1-12.—"Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."—Luke 24:5-6.

40. Mary at The Sepulchre.—John 20:11-18.—"Behold, I am alive for evermore."—Rev. 1:18.

41. The Walk to Immaus.—Luke 24:13-32.—"Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures."—Luke 24: 32.

42. Doubting Thomas.—John 20:24-29.—"Be not faithless, but believing. Thomas said unto him, My Lord and my God." —John 20:27-28.

43. Simon Lovest Thou Me.—John 21:1-17.—"That disciples whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord."—John 21:7

44. The Ascension.—Luke 24:44-53.—"While he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."—Luke 24:51.

45. Pentecost.—Acts. 2:1-13.—"Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."—Luke 24:40.

46. Peter and John in the Temple.—Acts 3:1-10.—"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."—Acts 3:6.

47. Stephen—Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60.—"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. 2:10.

48. Philip and the Eunuch.—Acts 8:26-40.—"Understandest thou what thou readest?"—Acts 8:30.

49. Saul's Conversion.—Acts 9:1-9.—"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"—Acts 9:6.

50. The Jailer at Philippi.—Acts 16:22-34.—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts 16:31.

51. Timothy Taught in the Scriptures.—II Timothy 1:1-8.—"From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."—II Timothy 3:15.

52. The New Jerusalem.—Rev. 21:1-7.—"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God."—Rev. 21:2.

Old Testament.

1. The First Six Days.—Gen. 1:1-8. 26-30.—"And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. —Gen. 1:31.

2. Adam and Eve.—Gen. 2:4-7, 18-24.—"God created man in his own image."—Gen. 1:27.

3. The Serpent and the Tree.—Gen. 3:1-15.—"The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."—Gen. 3:13.

4. The Killing of Abel.—Gen. 4:2-12.—"What hast thou done? the voice of my brother's blood crieth unto me."—Gen. 4:10.

5. The Dove and the Olive Branch.—Gen. 8:1-13.—"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."—Gen. 6: 8.

6. Noah's Offering and the Bow of Promise."—Gen. 8:20-22, 9:8-17.—"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."—Gen. 9:13.

7. Promise Made to Abraham.—Gen. 15:5-18.—"Fear not, Abraham: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." —Gen. 15-1.

8. Separation of Abram and Lot.—Gen. 13:1-18.—"Let there be no strife, I pray thee between me and thee, for we be brethren.—Gen. 13:8.

9. Sodom and Gomorrah.—Gen. 19:15-26.—"Escape for thy life; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.—Gen. 19:17.

10. Abraham Offering upIsaac.—Gen. 22:1-14.—"By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac."—Heb. 11:17.

11. Rebekah at the Well.—Gen. 24:6-20.—I will guide thee with mine eye."—Psalm 32:8.

12. Isaac Blessing Jacob.—Gen. 27:15-29.—"By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come."—Heb. 11:20.

13. Ladder.—Gen. 28:10-22.—"And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on earth, and the top of it reached to heaven." —Gen. 28:12.

14. Jacob Reconciled With Esau.—Gen. 33:1-14.—"Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."—Luke 6:37.

15. Joseph's Coat of Many Colors.—Gen. 37:1-11.—"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love.—Rom. 12:10.

16. Joseph Sold Into Egypt.—Gen. 37:12-36.—"And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him."—Acts. 7:9.

17. Joseph Set Over Egypt.—Gen. 41:38-49.—"Them that honour me I will honour."—I Sam. 2:30.

18. Joseph Making Himself Known.—Gen. 45:1-15.—"Come near to me, I am Joseph your brother."—Gen. 45:4.

19. Jacob Afflicted.—Job. 1:13-20.—"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."—Job 1:21.

20. The Finding of Moses.—Ex. 2: 3-10.—"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6.

21. The Burning Bush.—Ex. 3:1-12.—"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." —Ex. 3:5.

22. Moses Before Pharaoh.—Ex. 7:1-10.—"And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and it became a serpent."—Ex. 7:10.

23. The Passover.—Ex. 12:1-17.—"Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."—I Cor. 5:7.

24. Moses at the Red Sea.—Ex. 14:13-27.—"Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed."—Ex. 15:13.

25. Moses Striking the Rock.—Ex. 17:1-7.—"Behold, he smote

the rock, that the waters gushed out."—Ps. 78:20.

26. The Commandment and the Golden Calf.—Ex. 32:1-8, 15-19. —"They changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image."—Rom. 1:23.

27. The Tabernacle.—Ex. 40:1-13.—Blessed are they that dwell in thy house."—Ps. 84:4.

28. Korah's Rebellion.—Num. 16:1-8, 31-35.—"Be not deceived; God is not mocked."—Gal. 6:7.

29. The Brazen Serpent.—Num. 21:1-9.—"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."—John 3:14.

30. Joshua Called as Leader.—Num. 27:18-23.—"Be strong and of good courage; for the Lord thy God is with thee."—Joshua 1:9.

31.—Crossing the Jordan.—Joshua 3:9-17.—"When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee."—Isa. 43:2.

32. Gideon and the Trumpets.—Judges 7:1-8, 16-21.—"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."—Ps. 118:8.

33. The Boy Samuel.—I Sam. 3:6-14.—"Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."—I Sam. 3:9.

34. Saul Chosen King.—I Sam. 10:17-27.—"The Lord is our king; he will save us."—Isa. 33:22.

35. David and Goliath.—I Sam. 17:38-49.—"The battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands."—I Sam. 17:47.

36. Jonathan Loves David.—I Sam. 18:1-9.—"And Jonathan loved him as his own soul." I Sam. 18:1.

37. David Prosecuted Saul.—I Sam. 26:1-12.—"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God."—Isa. 41:10.

38. David and the Prophet Nathan.—II Sam. 12:1-10.—"And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord."—II Sam. 12:13.

39. King Solomon's Dream.—I Kings 3:4-15.—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."—Prov. 9:10.

40. Solomon Buildeth the Temple.—I Kings 5:1-9, 15-18.—"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." —Ps. 127:1.

41. Elijah Fed by Ravens.—I Kings 17:1-16.—The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season."—Ps. 145:15.

42. Naboth's Vineyard.—I Kings 21:4-16.—"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house."—Ex. 20:17.

43. Elijah Taken Up Into Heaven.—II. Kings 2:6-15.—"He was not; for God took him."—Gen. 5:24.

44. Elisha and the Shunammite.—II Kings 4:25-37.—"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."—Ps. 55:22.

45. Jonah Preaching.—Jonah 3:1-10.—"Behold, a greater than Jonas is here."—Luke 11:32.

46. Hezekiah the Sick Ruler.—II Kings 20:1-11.—"I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee."—II Kings 20:5.

47. The King Burning the Scroll of Jeremiah.—Jer. 36:20-32.—"The word of our God shall stand forever."— Isa. 40:8.

48. The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace.—Dan. 3:14-28.—"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us."—Dan. 3:17.

49. Belshazzar's Feast.—Dan. 5:1-8, 17-30.—"Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."—Dan. 5:27.

50. Daniel in the Lion's Den.—Dan. 6:10-23.—"The Lord is thy keeper."—Ps. 121:5.

51. Mordecai Honored.—Esther 6:1-12, 7:1-10.—"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." —Matt. 4:10.

52. Nehemiah Repairs the Walls of Jerusalem.—Neh. 4:7-18.—"So we built the wall, for the people had a mind to work." —Neh. 4:6.

Appendix B.

This contract and agreement entered into this first day of July, 1904, by and between the Stecher Lithographic Company, party of the first part, and the Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America (incorporated), the Lutheran Publication Society (incorporated), the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio (incorporated), and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, together constituing the party of the second part, and the said parties hereinafter being designated as first party and second party respectively.

Witnesseth, That the first party agrees to lithograph for the second party and furnish f. o. b. Rochester, N. Y., securely boxed flat fifteen hundred (1,500) copies of a certain list of subjects and pictures selected out of the Old and New Testament, which list is enumerated and named on eight pages of typewritten matter hereto attached, the subjects from the Old Testa-

ment numbering fifty-two (52), and the subjects from the New Testament numbering fifty-two (52), using a strong paper, size 24x34, 100 lbs. to ream of 480 sheets, similar to sample hereto attached and made a part hereof.

The said party of the first part hereby agrees and binds itself to furnish the said second party four (4) sample copies of one of the said pictures, which said sample copies will be submitted to the various Boards of Publication of the said four bodies constituting the second party hereto, and all the pictures thereafter lithographed under this contract shall be equal in every respect to the said sample furnished, and if the samples furnished by the said first party are not to the satisfaction of the said various Publication Boards or any thereof, then the work shall be perfected until the said Publication Boards and all thereof are satisfied therewith, otherwise this contract shall be null and void.

When the said Publication Boards are satisfied with the said samples furnished to them and have determined whether they will cancel this contract at that point or will continue with it and have the said subjects and pictures lithographed, then in case it shall be determined to have all of said pictures lithographed, then the first party shall proceed and lithograph the same and issue them to the number of fifteen hundred (1,500) copies of each one of said subjects and pictures; the first thirteen (13) subjects to be the first thirteen (13) of the said list from the New Testament and they are to be lithographed and delivered in proportions hereinafter to be designated to each and every of the said second party by the first of September, 1904, and the second thirteen (13) by the first of December, 1904, and the balance to be furnished to said second party at the rate of thirteen (13) of said subjects for each sixty days thereafter until all are lithographed and furnished.

The first party hereby agrees and binds itself that the subjects and pictures shall be equal in every regard to the said four samples furnished to said second party, and in case they are not equal then the said second party is not bound to accept the subjects and pictures offered until such subjects and pictures are up to the said samples so furnished in every regard.

The first party also agrees and binds itself to use the stones or any other article necessary to produce the charts for the sole purpose of the second party, and that in no case whatsoever

will they dispose or allow the disposition of anything necessary in the manufacture of the charts to any person or persons body or bodies whatsoever other than those constituting the party of the second part hereto.

The several parties together constituting the party of the second part hereto severally agree hereby to pay their respective proportions aggregating the sum of .. .. dollars in the following proportions, to-wit:

The said the Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evengelical Lutheran Church in North America, Philadelphia 710 of 1,500 thereof.

The said The Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, 440 of 1,500 thereof.

The said Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, 275 of 1,500 thereof.

The said The United Synod of the South 75 of 1,500 thereof.

And the said second party also agrees that whenever thirteen of the said subjects are received in the proportion above named, payment therefor will be made pro rata by each and every of the second party entering into this agreement to the first party in cash.

In witness whereof, the parties hereunto have set their hands this .. .. day of .. .., 1904.

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275 copies to be furnished without texts.

This agreement entered into this .. ..day of .. .. .. 1904, by and between the Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America (incorporated), the Lutheran Publication Society (incorporated), the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio (incorporated), and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and each and every of them.

Witnesseth, For that whereas the said four parties have united, agreed and bound themselves unto the Stecher Lithographic

Company, Rochester, New York, by an agreement in writing bearing even date herewith, in a joint issue of picture charts, covering a series of 104 Scriptural subjects, of which 52 are taken from the Old Testament and 52 from the New Testament, subjects and texts to be uniformly alike, 1,500 copies of each subject, for the sum of Eleven Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Dollars, ($11,232).

And further, they have agreed to pay the said The Stecher Lithographic Company, Rochester, New York, the sum of Eleven Thousand and Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Dollars, ($11,232) upon the delivery of said charts, as per agreement made and entered into with the aforesaid Lithographic Company in the following proportions to wit:

The said The Board of Publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, Philadelphia, 710 of 1,500 thereof

The said the Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, 440 of 1,500 thereof.

The said Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, 275 of 1,500 thereof.

The said the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South 75 of 1,500 thereof.

Now therefore in consideration of the said contract and the obligations thereby incurred, the said parties do hereby agree to pay their pro rata share of the same at the time when the said contract between the four said parties herein before named and the Stecher Lithographic Company calls for the payment of the same; to all of which the parties hereto bind themselves and their respective Boards.

It is also expressly understood and agreed between the four bodies in this joint issue of picture charts, that a uniform selling to be mutually fixed upon hereafter shall be maintained, and that no reduction of price shall be made unless the same shall be first agreed upon in writing, by each and every of the parties joining in this joint issue of the charts.

It is also further agreed and understood, that in case any of the bodies shall run short in their supply that they then purchase their charts from the other bodies.

It is also agreed that all parties concerned be privileged to arrange the charts in the order preferred by that particular body.

In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their

hands and seals the day and year first above written.

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Appendix C.—Sunday School Weekly.

Items as agreed on at Conference between Dr. Schmauk, Dr. Albert, Dr. Dunbar and Dr. Scherer.

1. Each body shall publish its own edition with its own heading of house, name of edition, business, advertisements, etc. Each Board shall keep its own list of subscribers. The expenses and profits shall be pro rata—details of printing and publishing to be determined later.

2. An Editor is to be appointed by each body, subject to an Editorial Committee, who shall have general direction. The work of the editors to be divided into quarterly periods, each editor being responsible for three months alternatively. Each Editor to have power to decide for his own edition what shall be cut out or added to his own edition.

3. Names shall not be appended to editorial articles.

4. Peculiar or controverted features of either body are to be avoided.

5. There is to be no touching on the distinctive work of the Church newspaper—Church news and the like.

6. There is to be no column specially devoted to any organized Young People's movement.

7. The quality shall be first-class in matter and make up.

8. The newspaper to appear both as a weekly and a monthly. The monthly to be the same as the first number of the weekly in each month and complete in itself. This number to be eight pages. The other numbers four pages.

9. The price of the monthly to be, single copy, per year 20 cents. 10 or more copies 15 cents per copy. 50 copies 12 cents per copy. 100 copies 10 cents per copy. Weekly, single copy per year 50 cents, 10 or more copies 45 cents. 50 or more copies 40 cents per copy.

10. The prospectus to be a single copy of paper issued six or eight weeks before the beginning of the regular weekly edition.

This was undecided: "Shall the union of effort be annocunced in the prospectus, or shall each body simply announce a new paper of its own?"

11. In the judgment of the Committee, subject to revision, the issue of the regular edition should begin about the beginning of 1901.

12. These propositions are to be submitted to the Sunday School Committees. If approved by them to be submitted to the Boards. If approved by the Boards, each Board shall appoint a Committee, who with the Editors shall meet in a joint session to complete all further arrangements, and report to the Boards for final ratification.

13. It was also agreed that hereafter, if the new line of action is a success, an Intermediate Monthly, devoted to the interests of boys and girls under 13 and 14 should be published, to be largely descriptive rather with adventure, discoveries, inventions, etc., than with stories and fiction.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 24, 1903.

On motion, the Committee on Publication Interests was instructed to nominate a committee on the Consolidation of Church papers.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Revs. Jas. A. B. B. Scherer, J. W. Horine and Hon. Jno. F. Ficken, be appointed to prepare a memoir of Rev. Karl Boldt to be incorporated in the Minutes of this Convention.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. G. Voigt.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Saturday, July 30, 1904, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order and the Committee on the Report of the Board of Missions submitted their report, which was considered and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We your Committee to which the report of the Board of Missions was committed beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend the adoption of the Rules and Regulations

for Home Mission Work, found on pages 9 and 10 of the report of Missions.

2. We recommend the adoption of General Rules for the Japanese Mission, found on pages 16-19 of same report with the following changes:

(a.) That for item 3 "Missionary Expenses," page 18, we read, Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following schedule: First three years $800; next five $900; and afterwards to the end of service $1,200. Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to this scale: First five years $1,200, second five years $1,300 and afterwards to the end of service $1,400. The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arriving on the field and cease on the day he leaves the field. The Board at its discretion, may in case of emergency, increase their salaries during such emergency.

(b.) That item 4 of same action be erased.

3. In regard to the trials through which our missionaries and their work are now passing we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United Synod hereby express its most profound sympathy for our missionaries as they live and labor under the present distressing circumstances and difficulties growing out of the war, and that we assure them that we expect no more of them at the present time than they shall simply hold the ground until the war is over, when the work can be reconstructed, and that we further assure them that, in the meantime, we will take care of them fully and provide for all of their needs.

4. Upon the suggestion of the Board we recommend:

1. The election of a Missionary Superintendent or a Secretary, as the Board may decide, to give his whole attention to the Mission work of the Board and the said office shall receive such salary as the Board may decide. This office shall be located according to the direction or with the approval of the Board at some central or easily accessible place. The duties of the office shall be to conduct the missionary correspondence with Home and Foreign, to seek to increase the receipts for the work, and to give special attention to those parts of the church where little is done for the work.

2. That public appeals for money to build churches, or to pay off indebtedness on church edifices, be made only through this Board, and that no such appeals be made in our church papers without the sanction of the Board, and that all our editors refer

the applicants to this action; provided that this rule applies only to general appeals and not local appeals to congregations within given district synods.

3. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $8,000.00 annually.

4. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $10,000 annually.

5. That the various Synods set apart two Sundays in each year —Whit-Sunday for Foreign Missions, and the second Sunday in November for Home Missions—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose, said offerings to be credited on the apportionment due the United Synod.

6. That the United Synod authorize the Board to increase the number of missionaries in Japan as soon as practicable.

5. In regard to Home Mission work we offer the following:

Resolved, That we approve the policy of the Board in concentrating its work upon large cities as important centers and in leaving rural districts, promising smaller results, to the rural district synods.

7. We submit this resolution:

Resolved, That we hereby record our high appreciation of the earnestness, fidelity, untiring energy, wise administration and frequent sacrifice of the retiring Board and express the conclusion that they have not only enlarged and strengthened the methods inherited from their predecessors but also so introduced new policies of administration as to place our Mission work upon a sounder and firmer basis than they found it.

8. We recommend that $100 be paid the retiring President of the Board for clerical services.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Fox.
M. M. Kinard.
W. C. Schaeffer.
M. L. Pence.
C. B. King.
W. H. Greever.

On motion, 500 copies of the Rules and Regulations for work, given on pages 9 and 10 of the Report of the Board of Missions, were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form for general use.

The following was adopted:

1. Resolved, That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod, upon the nomination of the officers of the district synod concerned.

2. Resolved, That if a member of the Board of Missions shall remove from one synod to another within the bounds of the United Synod, his removal shall not make his resignation necessary.

The following was adopted:

The committee to nominate Publishing Committee submitted the following nominees, who were elected:

W. L. Seabrook, R. C. Holland, G. B. Cromer, J. W. Horine, C. M. Efird.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Horine.
R. C. Holland.
W. C. Schaeffer.
W. L. Seabrook.
J. L. Deaton.
V. Y. Boozer.

The following was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE VISITORS TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

Your Committee to nominate visitors to the General Synod and to the General Council respectively submit the following nominations:

To the General Synod Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D., or Rev. J. H. Wilson.

To the General Council Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., or Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,
W. K. Sligh.
W. P. Cline.
V. Y. Boozer.

The following was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee respectfully reports that no special reports or documents have been placed in its hands from which it could formulate any adequate statement on the subject committed to its consideration.

Full reports of the Missionary, Educational, Publication and other interests have been made by proper boards and committees setting forth in detail the work of the church.

We recommend that the Committee on State of the Church be stricken from the list of standing committees.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Seabrook.
W. K. Sligh.
Jas. D. Kinard.
A. W. Bowman.

It was

Resolved, That hereafter there shall be a standing Committee to be known as "No. 12, to nominate visitors to other general bodies."

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Secretary $25 for his services.

The Secretary was, on motion, instructed to have 3,500 copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and distributed, and he was authorized to make a pro rata apportionment among the district Synods of the amount needed to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes.

Dallas, N. C., was elected as the place of next Convention of Synod; the Synod to be convened on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July, 1906, at 4 P. M.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows:

On the occasion of the Educational address, to the Theological Seminary; on the occasion of the Missionary address to the Mission Board of the United Synod; and that due announcement be made beforehand of these offerings.

The following was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee on Literary Institutions would report:

The institutions not filing their reports with the Committee are Mt. Amoena Female Seminary and the Collegiate Institute of the North Carolina Synod, therefore we can make no report as to their attendance during the past bi-ennium. With regard to those institutions that have filed catalogues with us we would report as follows:

Roanoke College.

This institution chartered in 1853 has sent out many men into the ministry of the Church and into the service of her literary institutions and has entered upon the second half century of existence. It has a large and well equipped faculty. A handsome new building has been erected which gives ample provision in the way of recitation rooms, offices, laboratory, museum of mineralogy and geology, etc. Roanoke stands definitely for the cause of Christian education in the service of the Lutheran Church and of the world. Since the retirement of Dr. Julius D. Dreher at the close of 25 years of labor as President of the College, Dr. J .A. Morehead has succeeded him in office. The outlook for the College is very favorable and its friends are greatly encouraged. The two Synods in Virginia have begun the good work of contributing annually to its support. The College has realized from this source at least $1,000 this year. Thus has begun a new day of greater and grander usefulness for Roanoke College.

Newberry College.

Newberry College has closed a very successful year. Large classes have been in attendance. The new recitation hall erected at a cost of $20,000 and to be known as Holland Hall supplies a need which had long been resting on the College. This new building together with Keller Hall and Smetzler Hall constitutes a plant which insures comfort and convenience to the students and faculty for carrying on the work of the College. When the excellence of the scholarly and able faculty is considered and

all the advantages furnished by an adequate equipment and healthfulness of location the church is to be congratulated upon having such an institution for the higher education of its youth. Grieved by the resignation and retirement of Dr. Geo. B. Cromer the friends of Newberry College have been fully comforted by the election of the Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., under whose wise leadership they have rallied for the support and strengthening of the College.

The College is fortunate in having retained Dr. Cromer as a lecturer on Constitutional and International Law.

The prospects of Newberry College are brighter than ever before. Its opportunity to serve the church was never larger and the church should be gratified and glad that she has so capable and efficient a servant in the field of Christian education.

Lenoir College.

Lenoir College is owned and controlled by the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

The past two have been years of progress and development along all lines.

The faculty consists of eleven professors and teachers. Enrollment 230. It has co-education under the best conditions.

The three buildings, 18 acre campus, and other equipments are valued at $40,000. During the past bi-ennium a young women's dormitory has been erected and equipped at a cost of $5,000. Plans are in hand for the new dormitory for young men to cost $8,000. The Synod has assumed the indebtedness of the College. Its future is therefore now assured and bright.

Marion Female College.

This the oldest of our female schools closed its 32nd year with increased attendance in all departments.

We can only add the words of the President in his report to the United Synod, "We point with pride to consecrated and cultured Christian lives in the Church and the home, and this speaks more loudly than words of the work the institution is doing."

Her faculty number 9, with an enrollment of 109.

Gaston College.

This College located at Dallas, North Carolina, is under the efficient superintendency of Prof. S. A. Wolfe, doing thorough work in behalf of our Lutheran Church, and reports an enrollment of 149 students. The prospects of this College are full of encouragement to its friends and the church and gives promise of continued valuable service in the cause of female education.

Elizabeth College.

This institution devoted exclusively to the education of young women draws its patronage from many states and is thoroughly equipped for efficient service in the cause of higher education of women and has attained an eminence among educational institutions of the country, of which our Southern Church should be proud. The enrollment the past year was 149, faculty of 28.

These several colleges for the education of the young men and women of our church are prosecuting their respective missions with mutual respect and friendship and it is a pleasure to note the absence of all ungenerous rivalry. These schools are the chief means by which our church is known, giving it standing and character among our neighbors, and are the works by which we measure our power and progress as a church. All of our institutions are moving forward toward a higher plane of usefulness in behalf of our church and they should be remembered in our prayers and benefactions.

On Report of Visitor to Elizabeth College.

We recommend that Rev. W. H. Greever be reappointed official visitor to Elizabeth College, and that he be requested to report as fully as possible the relation of the College to the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. Marks.
V. Y. Boozer.
J. L. Deaton.
A. H. Kohn.

REPORT OF VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

As your official visitor to Elizabeth College, I beg leave to submit the following as my report:

On the commencement occasion of 1903 I was present at the

College in an official capacity, and as the guest of the College. On several other occasions, since the last meeting of Synod, I have made more informal visits. In other ways I have sought information concerning the life and work of this institution. It is well known that Elizabeth College is one of the best equipped colleges for women in the South. In this respect it easily takes place in the first-class, and has few equals. Its location is almost ideal, from the geographical as well as climatic standpoint.

The faculty of the College has been strengthened from year to year, experience leading to necessary adaptations, until now the teaching force of the College is stronger and better organized than ever before. The claim that specialists have been placed at the head of all departments is substantiated by fact. Both in its curriculum, and in the faculty, it has provided, the college sustains its right to be considered as an institution of the first class, a real College.

The experimental period has been passed and the future of Elizabeth is assured.

It cannot be said truthfully, however, that the future relation of Elizabeth College to the Lutheran Church is assured. It is within the power of the Lutherans of the South to make it so, but it has not been done yet. At the present the College is a Lutheran institution, but its relation to the Lutheran Church is purely voluntary.

Elizabeth is today more of an oppartu ity for us than a possession. The Lutheran Church can never hope for a better opportunity to come into the possession of such an institution. This is a matter which deserves immediate consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Greever.

The Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

The following documents have been placed in our hands:

1. A communication from the W. C. T. U., requesting the recommendation of observing the fourth Sunday in November as the World's Temperance day.

2. The credentials of the official representative of the General Council.

3. A petition from Holy Communion congregation, Dallas, North Carolinaa, inviting the United Synod to hold its next meeting with them.

4. A letter from Rev. A. G. Voigt, resigning from the Committee on Common Book of Worship, and suggesting the name of Rev. J. W. Horine as a suitable person to serve on that committee.

5. A comunication from the Secretary of the Tennessee Synod containing a resolution of that body, requesting this body to define its position in regard to pulpit and altar fellowship.

1. We recommend that no action be taken in regard to the first document.

2. The second requires no action as the official representative of the General Council has already been received.

3. We recommend that the petition of Holy Communion congregation, Dallas, North Carolina, be considered when this body fixes the time and place of its next meeting.

4. We recommend that the resignation of Rev. A. G. Voigt, from the Committee on Common Book of Worship, be accepted, and the suggestion in regard to Rev. J. W. Horine be referred to the consideration of the President, when he appoints the members of this committee.

5. We recommend that in response to the request of the Tennessee Synod that the United Synod define its position on the subject of pulpit and altar fellowship, this body respectfully states that it is not prepared to make any declaration on the subject further than that implied in the adoption of the Common Service.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Voigt.
Jas. D. Kinard.
J. P. Stirewalt.
W. A. Deaton.

The following Committee on Common Book of Worship was appointed:

Revs. R. C. Holland, L. A. Fox, and J. W. Horine.

The following paper on Divorce was submitted, and ordered to be printed in our Minutes for consideration at our next Convention:

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the perview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church cannot but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is out duty, however, as Churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to indicate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for wilful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living. Therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God himself—that is by the death of one of the parties.

On motion, it was ordered that a donation of $2.50 be made to each of the sextons of the Churches in which our present sessions have been held.

The following Board of Publication was elected:

Revs. V. R. Stickley, C. A. Freed, W. H. Greever, S. T. Hallman, F. V. N. Painter, M. J. Epting, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn, A. G. Wise and J. W. Eargle.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod be extended to the Emmanuel and St. Matthew's congregations, their pastors, and the people of this community for their hospitable and delightful entertainment of delegates and visitors.

Resolved, That the President of Synod announce the same at the closing service of Synod.

The following report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

This meeting of the United Synod has been signalized by marked attention to the subject of Church literature. Our two Church papers have been consolidated; a new Hymn book adopted; and we have joined other general bodies in the actual publication of Common Sunday School literature.

We believe that the importance of these movements can hardly be estimated; and record our desire that the literary interests of the United Synod shall be fostered and furthered in every legitimate manner. Respectfully submitted,

James. A. B. Scherer.
D. I. Offman.
B. S. Brown.
H. C. Haithcox.
Geo. B. Cromer.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to extend our thanks to the railroads for the courtesies extended to us.

The Parochial Blank reported by Committee, provided for at last Convention, was adopted.

The following notice of change in our Constitution was held for consideration at our next meeting:

Notice is hereby given that at our next meeting a motion will be made to change Art.V of the Constitution, which calls for the election of officers immediately after the reading of the President's report, so that the election will be postponed until the last session of the Synod. Paul Seig.

IN MEMORIAM.

Karl Ludwig Johannes Boldt.

October 22, 1865.

January 9, 1903.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South would hereby testify their profound gratitude to Almighty God for the privilege of companionship in Christian service with this friend who now rests from his arduous labors, while his works do follow him. Coming to this country from Germany in 1887, three years thereafter he entered upon ministerial labors within the bounds of the United Synod. From that time continuously until his death he was identified with our largest and most important interests, in Charleston and Wilmington, but especially in connection with the Theological Seminary at Mount Pleasant. His theological learning was so great that only his extreme and shrinking modesty prevented the spread of his fame throughout the entire Church in America. As it is, those who were privileged to receive his ministrations will always be the richer for having drawn from his deep treasure, while contact with his character brought spiritual blessing to all that knew him.

The last words he spoke were not his own, but the words of the Holy Gospel: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He had made these words his own, and they form his truest epitaph. He passed from the darkness of death full into the light of eternal life, because he had walked with Christ. We thank God for his fellowship here. and pray that we may all become, with him, companions of the Heavenly way.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. B. Scherer.
John W. Horine.
John F. Ficken.

The Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned to be formally closed after the Sunday services.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Greiner.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthews Church.—11 A. M., Rev. Jno. E. Whitteker, D. D.; 8 P. M., Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D. Sunday School address by Hon. Geo. B. Cromer, L. L. D., at 9:30 A. M.

Emmanuel Church—11 A. M., Rev. D. B. Floyd; 8 P. M. Rev. Prof. J. W. Horine. Sunday School addresses by Messrs. A. H. Kohn, C. M. Efird, Esq., and Rev. D. I. Offman at 9:30 A. M.

Methodist Church—11 A. M., Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D.; 8 P. M., Rev. W. H. Greever. Sunday School and League addresses, morning and evening, by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

Rader's Church, Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, pastor—8:30 P. M., sermon by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

Synod was formally closed, at St. Matthews Church, after the evening service, by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Vice-President of Synod.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Ninth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held jointly in Emmanuel and St. Matthews Churches, New Market, Va., July 27 to 31, 1904.

S. T. HALLMAN, *Secretary.*

VISITING MINISTERS.

The following visiting ministers were present during the sessions of Synod, and invited to seats as advisory members:

Revs. W. A. Lutz, J. W. Strickler, P. L. Miller, S. L. Keller, Geo. S. Bowers, Chas. K. Bell, E. A. Repass, D. W. Files, Y. V. Riser, W. R. Brown, J. N. Stirewalt, J. A. Huffard, W. W. Ritchie, C. M. Fox, V. R. Stickley, J. W. Hausenfluck, G. W. McClanahan, R. L. Peterson, J. E. Whitteker, D. D., official Visitor from General Council; D. B. Floyd, official Visitor from General Synod, and Mr. Henry S. Boner, Superintendent of the Publication Society of the General Synod, and J. A. Morehead, D. D., President of Roanoke College. Also Revs. J. A. Snyder, D. D., and E. L. Wessinger, pastors of the churches in which the Synod convened.

ROLL OF MINISTERS EMBRACED IN THE UNITED SYNOD.

Name	Postoffice	Synod.
Aull, W. B.,	Lone Star, S. C.	S. C.
Austin, Jacob,	Leesville, S. C.	S. C.
Ashley, M. A.,	Shenandoah, Va.	Tenn.
Arndt, J. A.,	Rural Retreat, Va.	S. W. Va.
Baily, H. E.	Eggleston, Va.	S. W. Va.
Ballentine, S. C.,	White Rock, S. C.	S. C.
Bearden, Geo. S.,	Columbia, S. C.	S. C.
Beck, A. R.,	Mt. Jackson, Va.	Tenn.
Bedenbaugh, Z. W.,	Prosperity, S. C.	S. C.
Bell, C. K.,	Salem, Va.	S. W. Va.
Bernheim, G. D., D. D.,	Charlotte, N. C.	N. C.
Bible, Noah,	Midway, Tenn.	Hol.
Bickle, L. A., D. D.	King's Mountain, N. C.	Tenn.
Bodie, N. D.,	Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. 3.	N. C.
Boger, W. J.,	Mt. Holly, N. C.,	Tenn.
Boland, L. P.,	Graniteville, S. C.	S. C.
Boland, M. Q.,	Damascus, Va.	S. W. Va.
Boozer, V. Y.,	Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. 1.	N. C.
Boozer, C. P.	Leesville, S. C.	S. C.
Bowers, Prof. A. J., D. D.,	Newberry, S. C.	S. C.
Bowers, Geo. S.	Winchester, Va.	Va.
Brown, C. L.,	Saga, Hisen, Japan	S. W. Va.
Brown, R. L.,	Salisbury, N. C.	N. C.
Brown, H. M.,	Efird's Mills, N. C.	N. C.
Brown, B. S.,	China Grove, N. C.	N. C.
Brown, C. A.,	Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. 3	N. C.
Bowles, J. D.,	Coronaca, S. C.	S. C.
Brown, W. R.,	Rural Retreat, Va., R. F. D.,	S. W. Va.
Buck, J. L.,	Leesville, S. C. R. F. D. 4.	S. C.

Bushong, A. A. J.,	Strasburg, Va.	Va.
Bushnell, J. E., D. D.,	Blacksburg, Va.	S. W. Va.
Cassell, C. W.,	Graham, Va.	S. W. Va.
Cline, Prof. W. P.,	Hickory, N. C.	Tenn.
Cline, R. H.,	Henry, N. C.	Tenn.
Condor, I.,	McGaheysville, Va.	Tenn.
Conrad, E. P.,	Winston, N. C.	N. C.
Counts, H. P.,	Haralson, Ga.	Ga.
Cronk, E. C.,	Atlanta, Ga.	Ga.
Cronk, B. W.,	Newport, Va.,	S. W. Va.
Cromer, J. A.,	Lexington, S. C.	Tenn.
Cromer, J. L.,	Rhodhiss, N. C.	Tenn.
Cox, Geo. H., D. D.,	Granite Quarry, N. C.	N. C.
Cox, C. B.,	Burlington, N. C.	N. C.
Currie, R. M.,	Burns, Miss.	Miss.
Darr, W. L.,	Statesville, N. C.	Tenn.
Deaton, W. A.,	Dallas, N. C.	Tenn.
Deaton, J. L.,	Headquarters, Va.	Tenn.
Deal, J. F.,	Concord, N. C.,	Tenn.
Derrick, P. H. E.,	Presperity, S. C.	S. C.
Derrick, J. L.,	Goodman, Miss.	Miss.
Dutton, W. A.,	Gold Hill, N. C., R. F. D., 2	N. C.
Efird, J. K.,	Little Mountain, S. C.	S. C.
Elmore, J. S.,	Oglethorpe, Ga.,	Ga.
Epting, M. J.,	Savannah, Ga.,	Ga.
Fant, G. S.,	Betheden, Miss.	Miss.
Fesperman, J. H.,	Statesville, N. C.	N. C.
Fisher, C. L. T.,	Cape Charles, Va.	N. C.
Fisher, Prof. J. H. C.,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	N. C.
Fisher, C. P.,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	N. C.
Files, D. W.,	Mt. Sidney, Va.	Va.
Folk, E. L.,	Mt. Jackson, Va.	Va.
Fox, L. A., D. D.,	Salem, Va.	S. W. Va.
Fox, C. M.,	Wardensville, Va.	Va.
Fox, D. S.,	Radford, Va.	S. W. Va.

Freed, C. A., ... Columbia, C. C., S. C.
Fritz, Prof. R. L., ... Hickory, N. C., Tenn.
Fulenwider, E. . . . . Concord, N. C. N. C.
Glenn, T. A., ... Betheden, Miss. Miss.
George, J. J., ... Cherryville, N. C. Tenn.
Goodman, D. A., ... Connelly Springs, N. C. Tenn.
Graichen, J. G., ... Lexington, S. C., S. C.
Greever, Walton H., ... Columbia, S. C. S. C.
Greever, J. B., ... Moshiem, Tenn. Hol.
Greiner, J. B., D. D., ... Rural Retreat, Va., S. W. Va.
Grossman, H. C., ... Walhalla, S. C. S. C.
Grossman, M., ... Manassas, Va., Tenn.
Groseclose, D. B., ... Leesville, S. C. S. C.
Hallman, S. T., D. D., ... Newberry, S. C. S. C.
Hall, Jno., ... Norris, N. C. Tenn.
Haithcox, H. C., D. D., . . Shepherdstown, W. Va. Va.
Harr, F. M., ... Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D., 4 N. C.
Hancher, A. D. R., ... Staunton, Va. Va.
Hershberger, C. E., ... Stony Man, Va. Va.
Hausenfluck, J. W., ... Rockingham, Va. Tenn.
Holland, R. C., D. D., ... Charlotte, N. C., N. C.
Hiller, W. H., ... Concord, N. C. N. C.
Horine, Prof. J. W., ... Charleston, S. C. S. C.
Houser, Jos., ... Knoxville, Tenn. Hol.
Hubbert, W. E., ... Blacksburg, Va. S. W. Va.
Huddle, W. P., ... Madison, Va. Va.
Huffard, Jas. A., ... Luray, Va., Va.
Howorth, J. R., ... Forest, Miss Miss.
Jeffcoat, H. W., ... Rincon, Ga. Ga.
Julian, W. A., ... Lake City, Fla. Ga.
Kegley, C. W., ... Wilmington, N. C. N. C.
Keller, S. L., ... Waynesboro, Va. Va.
Kinard, M. M., Ph. D. . . . . Knoxville, Tenn. Hol.
Kinard, J. D., ... Cameron, S. C. S. C.
Ketchie, W. R., ... Kappa, N. C., N. C.

Krauth, Geo. E., ... Boston, Mass. Va.
King, Prof. Chas. B., ... Charlotte, N. C. N. C.
Koon, S. P., ... Prosperity, S. C. S. C.
Koener, Chas., D. D., ... Charleston, S. C. S. C.
Kreps, M. O. J., ... Augusta, Ga. S. C.
Lavender, G. E., ... Erin, Ga. Ga.
Leddin, P. D., ... Prices Fork, Va. S. W. Va.
Leslie, E. W., ... Salem, Va. S. W. Va.
Little, Prof, W. H., ... Hickory, N. C. Tenn.
Lindler, A. W., ... Leesville, S. C., R. F. D. 4. S. C.
Lingle, G. H. L., ... Gibsonville, N. C. N. C.
Linn, Jos. A., ... Caney Branch, Tenn. Hol.
Livingston, R. E., ... Newberry, S. C. S. C.
Lippard, C. K., ... Saga, Japan. Tenn.
Long, J. J., ... Pomaria, S. C. S. C.
Lutz, W. A., ... Prosperity, S. C. S. C.
Lybrand, E. L., M. D., . . New Brookland, S. C. Tenn.
Mahood, J. A., ... Ceres, Va. S. W. Va.
Marks, C. A.. . . . . Richmond, Va. Va.
Mathias, H. J., ... Lincolnton, N. C. Tenn.
Miller, Peter, ... Rio, W. Va. Va.
Miller, L. G. M., D. D., ... Roanoke, Va. S. W. Va.
Miller, O. C., ... Luzon, P. I. 13th U. S. Cav. S. W. Va.
Miller, Prof. J. C.,. . . . . Knoxville, Tenn. Hol.
Miller, J. P., ... Orangeburg, S. C. S. C.
Miller, C. L., ... Salisbury, N. C. N. C.
Miller, Chas. B., ... China Grove, N. C., N. C.
Monroe, P. E., ... Ehrhardt, S. C. S. C.
McClanahan, W. G., ... Salem, V., S. W. Va.
McCullough, Prof. H. A., . . Mt. Pleasant, N. C. N. C.
Morehead, J. A., D. D., ... Salem, Va. Va.
Moser, J. C., D. D., ... Hickory, N. C. Tenn.
Morgan, J. L., ... Enochville, N. C. N. C.
Morgan, C. I., ... Gastonia, N. C. Tenn.

Mueller, W. A. C.,	Charleston, S. C.	S. C.
Murphy, J. N.,	Betheden, Miss.	Miss.
Nease, S. L.,	Selwood, S. C.	S. C.
Nease, J. W.,	Plains, Ga.	Ga.
Offman, Prof. D. I.,	China Grove, N. C.,	Tenn.
Obenshain, J. P.,	Salem, Va.	S. W. Va.
Oney, W. B.,	Bridgewater, Va.	Va.
Painter, Prof. F. V. N., D. D.,	Salem, Va.	S. W. Va.
Parker, E. P.,	Gibsonville, N. C.	N. C.
Parker, T. C.,	Concord, N. C.,	N. C.
Pence, M. L.,	Tom's Brook, Va.	Tenn.
Peery, R. B., Ph. D.,	Graham, Va.	Va.
Peterson, O. C.,	Morristown, Tenn.	Hol.
Phillippi, A., D. D.,	Wytheville, Va.,	S. W. Va.
Phillips, Chas. A.,	Marlow, Ga.	Ga.
Pless, C. R.,	Copal Grove, N. C.,	N. C.
Price, J. P.,	Lincolnton, N. C.	Tenn.
Rahn, S. S., D. D.,	Jacksonville, Fla.	Ga.
Ridenhour, V. C.,	Troutman, N. C.,	N. C.
Riser, W. H.,	Norfolk, Va.	Va.
Riser, Y. von A.,	Waynesboro, Va.	Va.
Repass, E. A.,	Middlebrook, Va.	Va.
Risinger, P. D.,	Johnston, S. C.	S. C.
Ritchie, W. W. J.,	Middlebrook, Va.	Va.
Roof, W. H.	Gilbert, S. C.,	Tenn.
Roof, F. K.,	Newton, N. C.	Tenn.
Sachs, Prof. E. J.,	Hickory, N. C.	Tenn.
Seabrook, W. L.,	Newberry, S. C.	S. C.
Shearouse, O. B.,	Chapin, S. C.	Tenn.
Schaeffer, W. C., D. D.,	Savannah, Ga.	Ga.
Schaeffer, W. C., Jr.,	Savannah, Ga.	Ga.
Sieg, Paul,	Bristol, Tenn,	S. W. Va.
Schaid, J. G.,	Walhalla, S. C.	S. C.
Scherer, Prof. M. G. G., D. D.	Charleston, S. C.	S. C.
Scherer, Prof. J. A. B., Ph. D.,	Newberry, S. C.	S. C.

Scherer, Prof. J. J., D. D., ... Marion, Va. S. W. Va.
Scherer, L. P., ... Washington, D. C. S. W. Va.
Schaeffer, G. F., ... Spartanburg, S. C. N. C.
Schreckhise, J. M., ... Raphine, Va. Va.
Shealy, J. D., ... Leesville, S. C. S. C.
Shealy, T. W., ... Pax, Ga. Ga.
Schumpert, S. P., ... Barre, S. C. S. C.
Steck, J., D. D., ... Walhalla, S. C. S. C.
Settlemyre, D. J., ... Newton, N. C. Tenn.
Sloop, H. E. H., ... Lingle, Miss, Miss.
Sox, D. A., ... Carrollton, Ga. Ga.
Shenk, E. A., ... Newport News, Va. Va.
Shenk, J. E., ... Woodstock, Va. Va.
Sowers, R. R., ... Burlington, N. C. N. C.
Steffey, S. D., ... Acadia, Tenn. Hol.
Stirewalt, J. N., ... Luray, Va. Tenn.
Stirewalt, J. Paul, ... New Market, Va. Tenn.
Stewart, J. E., ... Betheden, Miss. Miss.
Studebaker, E., ... Baltimore, Md. S. W. Va.
Simpson, J. B., ... Kosiusko, Miss. Miss.
Sloup, J. B., ... Fitzgerald, Ga. Ga.
Strohecker, T. H., ... Salem, Va. N. C.
Sligh, J. A., ... Slighs, S. C. S. C.
Sligh, W. K., ... Newberry, S. C. S. C.
Scheele, H. F., ... Staunton, Va. Va.
Shuey, Geo. E., ... Harrisonburg, Va. Va.
Shuey, J. W., ... Lexington, Va., R. F. D. 1, Va.
Snyder, J. A., D. D., ... New Market, Va. Va.
Snyder, W. A., ... Wilmington, N. C. N. C.
Smith, L. L., D. D., ... Strasburg, Va. Va.
Smith, W. J., ... Bloom, Va. Va.
Smith, A. M., ... Stephenson, Va. Va.
Strickler, J. W., ... Stephen's City, Va. Va.
Stickley, V. R., ... Jadwyn, Va. Va.

Trexler, H. A.,	Manning, N. C.	N. C.
Taylor, A. R.,	Irene, S. C.	S. C.
Umbarger, K. Y.,	Wytheville, Va.	S. W. Va.
Upchurch, M. W.,	Betheden, Miss.	Miss.
Voigt, Prof. A. G., D. D.,	Mt. Pleasant, S. C.	S. C.
Wade, P. J.,	Lexington, N. C.	N. C.
Weltner, C. E.,	Augusta, Ga.	S. C.
Wertz, J. Q.,	China Grove, N. C.	N. C.
Wessinger, E. L.,	New Market, Va.	Tenn.
Wessinger, J. C.,	Knoxville, Tenn.	Tenn.
Wessinger, B. D.,	Rightwell, S. C.	S. C.
Wike, Jacob,	Edith, N. C.	Tenn.
Witt, E. C.,	Mason, Fla.	Ga.
Wilson, J. H.,	Salisbury, N. C.	N. C.
Wyse, Jno. H.,	Burk's Garden, Va.	S. W. Va.
Wolford, W. G.,	Lyceum, Tenn.	Hol.
Yoder, R. A., D. D.,	Newton, N. C.	Tenn.
Youngblood, W. S.,	Mortan, Miss.	Miss.
Yount, J. A.,	Conover, N. C.	Tenn.

TOTAL—222.

Note—The Secretary will appreciate all necessary corrections, that this roll may be accurrate.

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NAME OF SYNOD.	PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.																	
	Date of Organization.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Number of Stations.	Enrolled Membership.	Baptized Children Not Confirmed.	Catechumens, Not Confirmed.	Students for the Ministry.	ACCESSIONS.						LOSSES.			
									Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Transfers from Lutheran Congregations.	Transfers from other Denominations	Restorations.	Deaths.	Transfers.	Exclusions.	
Virginia	1829	...	64	17	6093	562	137	7	118	104	99	43	20	8	30	72	..	
Tennessee	1820	...	62	4	8529	2963	606	13	449	69	379	147	58	6	118	147	5	
South Carolina	1824	..	67	9	9889	.....	.....	4	396	46	396	183	27	...	156	153	..	
Mississippi	1855	...	15	...	720	.....	.....	..	12	9	11	7	.....	..	7	2	..	
Southwestern Virginia	1842	...	63	20	4566	.....	.....	..	112	91	81	55	15	...	63	47	1	
Georgia	1860	...	21	...	2995	.....	133	...	94	19	102	.....	.....	..	33	.....	..	
Holston	1861	...	25	1	1480	332	8	1	57	22	105	6	1	..	31	10	...	
North Carolina	1803	...	35	2	8167	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	...	
Total	.....	..	352	53	42439	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.	

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FINANCIAL STATISTICS.																
CHURCH PROPERTY					LOCAL EXPENDITURE BY CONGREGATIONS											
											UNITED SYNOD					
Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness on Church Property.	Paid on Pastor's Salary.	Paid on Church, Parsonage and School Properties.	For all other local expenditures.	Orphan home—money and value of gifts.	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary.	Colleges.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical and Conference Home Missions.	Home Missions of United Synod	Foreign Missions United Synod	Aged Ministers and Ministers' Widows	Synodical Fund.	Total local and general contributions.
222075	9329	6829	4509	4803	692	94	126	80	118	367	1432	1506	136	346	$ 4391
236900	4282	14152	39237	3898	421	110	187	.....	191	519	569	298	360	541	5305
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145610	.....	.....	.....	.....	593	.....	.....	733	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3105
166443	.....	.....	.....	11644	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25975	350	1145	160	1199	39	7	4	.....	9	.....	23	15	.....	20	286
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STATISTICS OF SOCIETIES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS						Young People's So.				Wom's Miss'y Soci's				Child's Miss'y So's				GRAND TOTAL
Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Am't paid for support of schools and local objects.	Am't contributed to schools for gen'l beneficence.		Number of organizations.	Number of members.	Contributions for local objects.	Contributions for general beneficence.	Number of organizations	Number of members.	Contributions for Missions, Home and Foreign.		Number of organizations.	Number of members.	Contributions for missions.		
47	589	3791	$ 3256	1086		12	207	282	111	15	257	451		1	25	7		37614
49	710	6037	1980	154		2	130	29	1	35	1125	1316		16	656	214		37102
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5	29	190	6	.....		...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....
41	356	2734	964	111		6	269	105	219	20	378	662		11	408	212		12348
16	193	1658	729	1412		...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		15100
8	83	535	232	87		4	120	108	6	2	20	46		1	13	126		2292
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